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Public pay increases provoke union fury

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND PHILIP BASSETT

A PAY deal for the most senior civil servants that could mean increases of up to £30,000 a year provoked a political outcry last night as the Government approved increases of 1.5-3.2 per cent for 1.3 million public servants.

Labour immediately accused ministers of having one law for the rich and another for the rest and unions in teaching and nursing gave warning of a spring of discontent with disruption of schools and hospitals. But ministers were inclined to view these as empty threats after years of relative industrial peace.

Ministers defended the new performance-related arrangements for a tiny Whitehall elite as essential to their policy of opening up the Civil Service to outsiders and attracting high-fliers from private industry.

The storm blew up after the Cabinet approved the recommendations of six independent pay review bodies. The protests were fuelled by the Cabinet's decision to guarantee nurses only 1 per cent extra and to make an additional 2 per cent conditional on local deals.

Ministers rejected phasing in the increases and accepted their advisers' proposals in full. These include the first steps towards dissolving the long-established system of nationally fixed pay rates for nurses and hospital consultants.

The main changes announced yesterday were:
A 2.6 per cent rise for the armed forces with 160 senior officers getting 3.2 per cent; 1 per cent on national scales for nurses, midwives and paramedics, plus local negotiations leading to total increases of 1.5-3.0 per cent; 3 per cent for GPs and 2.5 per cent for dentists and hospital doctors; 2.5 per cent for judges, and 2.7 per cent for 437,000 teachers.

There will be no automatic increase for civil servants in Grades 2 and 3, but 2.5 per cent of the pay bill will be available for performance-related rises. The new pay range of £90,000-£150,000 applies to 35 top civil servants and ambassadors and will be operated by a new independent remuneration committee.

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Rejecting suggestions that potential increases of 27 per cent were insensitive when many people were having to make do with much less, one senior Treasury aide pointed out that any rises would be overseen by an outside committee and that for the first time the pay of permanent secretaries was being related to their performance. Their salaries would be published and any increases would have to be justified. Officials doubted that the permanent secretaries currently in post would enjoy big rises.

But Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, condemned the disparity between top civil servants and groups such as nurses.

"This reinforces the Tories' reputation as the Government of unfairness, with one law for the rich and another for the rest. This is a divided Conservative party presiding over a divided Britain," he said.

Leaders of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers are to recommend that its Easter conference authorise industrial action to protect members faced with "unreasonable class sizes". Nigel de Gruchy, the General Secretary, said: "The demand for action from our branches over class sizes is becoming irresistible."

Teachers could decide to take classes of no more than 30, and send other children home. The union said the pay deal was "one unfunded settlement too many". The biggest teaching union, the National Union of Teachers, was more cautious. Doug McAvoy, the General Secretary, said the union would not be "bounced" into anything that would look like a "government victory".

School governors also attacked the deal. Simon Goodenough, the Chairman of the National Governors' Council said: "School governors will be greatly disappointed that the Government has ignored calls for full funding of the pay award."

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said: "I know that this settlement will put pressure on local authority and school budgets. But it is for local authorities to give priority to front-line services, such as schools, and many authorities as well as schools have balances that they can draw on to help meet the cost of the settlement."

The review body, whose main recommendations were accepted in full, noted that schools had cash balances of more than £800 million, although its report acknowledged that the award would put extra pressure on staffing levels.

Local authorities joined the chorus of criticism. Saxon Spence, who chairs the Association of County Councils' education committee, said: "We are absolutely astounded that ministers could show such callous disregard for the education of our children. It is asking parents, schools and governors to pay the price of Government fiscal policy."

The Royal College of Midwives warned that its members would consider withdrawing goodwill and changing its policy of not taking industrial action. Julia Allison, the general secretary, said she was "totally disgusted" with the award.

But the British Medical Association said the doctors' award would remove the threat of sanctions by hospital doctors if the Government had not accepted the review body's recommendations.

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GERARD JULIEN

Guy Delage arrives in Barbados, welcomed by his wife, son and brother-in-law

Atlantic swimmer's landfall

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

GUY DELAGE completed his swim across the Atlantic yesterday when he staggered ashore on Barbados to a hero's welcome — and the taunts from people at home in France who belittled his epic dip as a publicity stunt.

M Delage, 42, hugged his two sons and wife Catherine after managing a stylish crawl to the water's edge. He expressed relief as well as regret at leaving the watery world where he had come to feel at home during his 55 days and 2,500 miles at sea, two thirds of them spent on his high-tech raft. "It's finished for me. I will do another thing now," he said.

The French media, which dismissed him as a near crank when he left the Cape Verde Islands on December 16, switched to admiration as M Delage neared his goal, surviving shark attack, storms and depression.

With tongue only partly in cheek, *Le Monde* yesterday called M Delage "our poet swimmer" and suggested he run for the presidency. A month ago, *Le Monde* said the venture would put him in the record book "in between the world accordion champion and the person who can eat the most snails".

However, the French Swimming Federation said he had merely made daily dips, albeit lasting up to ten hours a time. "You do not swim across the Atlantic like you cross the Channel," said the federation.

M Delage last night dismissed the criticism as meaningless. The most harrowing moments came last month when he lost the raft in heavy seas and had to chase it for an hour and a half. "I was a little afraid because there were the sharks," he said.

Rifkind forces air chief to quit over cost of renovations

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AIR Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson, one of the RAF's most senior commanders, yesterday was asked to resign from his £95,000 job in a confrontation with Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary.

Mr Rifkind told him he no longer had confidence in him as a top-level budget holder, after an independent report, now with ministers, highlighted his lack of judgment in seeking extra expenditure to refurbish his official residence, Haymes Garth, at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Sir Sandy, 53, is understood to have sought legal advice from a civilian lawyer yesterday before going to see Mr Rifkind.

The Defence Council, which is chaired by Mr Rifkind, has the power to ask any officer to resign if it feels this is an appropriate step but it is not clear whether such a decision has legal standing.

The meeting between Sir Sandy and Mr Rifkind took place yesterday afternoon in the Defence Secretary's office at the Ministry of Defence, after the independent report had been leaked to a national newspaper. Defence sources said only about five people at the most senior level in the MoD had seen the report by Sheila Masters, of KPMG Peat Marwick.

After the leak, which does not single out Sir Sandy for overall responsibility for the £387,000 spent on renovations, the air chief marshal who had been tipped to succeed to the top post of Chief of the Air Staff, is understood to have asked to see Mr Rifkind.

Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, the Chief of the Defence Staff, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, the Chief of the Air Staff, are also understood to have asked to see Mr Rifkind after the leak.

Sir Sandy had been told that he was expected to resign. On Wednesday he was called before Sir Michael who read out a prepared statement, making it clear that Mr Rifkind no longer had confidence in him.

As an air chief marshal, Sir Sandy would have expected to continue in the RAF for another four years until he was 57. By resigning he will lose his entitlement to another four years of pay, which will also affect his pension.

The demand by Mr Rifkind for his resignation represents the most bitter blow for the RAF since March last year, when Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Peter Harding, then Chief of the Defence Staff, resigned after allegations by a Sunday newspaper that he had an affair with the ex-wife of a former defence minister.



Sir Sandy: saw civilian lawyer before meeting

Mr Rifkind's decision to hold Sir Sandy responsible for the catalogue of mistakes that led to the £387,000 bill has caused outrage within the RAF. The report itself has not been presented to the House of Commons and MPs will also be angry that Sir Sandy's resignation has been sought before the matter has been

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Oxford's entrance exam is scrapped

BY BEN PRESTON AND JOHN O'LEARY

OXFORD dons voted overwhelmingly yesterday to scrap the traditional entrance examination in a move designed to shed the university's elitist image and increase the number of students from state schools.

From autumn 1996, students who apply to Oxford colleges each year will be judged on their A-level results and their performance at interviews. However, the way was left open for colleges to use their own tests.

Ruth Deech, chairman of the Joint Undergraduate Admission's Committee and Principal of St Anne's College, described the decision taken by college representatives after a two-year review as "a major step forward". It would help the university to attract the brightest youngsters, regardless of background.

Pressure for the abolition of the examination has mounted since Cambridge abandoned its equivalent a decade ago. Unlike Cambridge, Oxford still takes a majority of its undergraduates from independent schools.

Mrs Deech, speaking after the 90-minute meeting, said she was surprised by the strength of support for abolition, with representatives voting by 24 to 6.

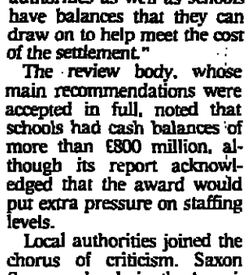
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Clarke puts case for EU but urges currency caution

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE yesterday defied the tide of Euroscepticism within the Cabinet and the Conservative Party with a passionate defence of Britain's place in Europe and the potential benefits of economic and monetary union.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer underlined his position as the Cabinet's foremost pro-European by dismissing the "knee-jerk reactions" of opponents of a single currency and rejecting their argument that it would lead to a European super-state.

Britain would not settle for observer status or become a sleeping partner in Europe, Mr Clarke declared, as he denied that handing decisions on interest rates to the European Union would "herald the end of the nation state"

In what was intended to be a contribution to John Major's efforts to find a stance on Europe that will unify both wings of his party, Mr Clarke set out the arguments both for and against a single currency, outlined the extra factors that Britain would take into account before joining, and studiously avoiding stating that he favoured a single currency in principle, an omission that aides said would have been unlikely a year ago.

In an unashamedly pro-European address in London to the European Movement, the Chancellor left his audience in no doubt where his sympathies lay, even though he joined the Prime Minister in saying that an ill thought-out monetary union would do Europe harm.

Mr Clarke would have pleased the sceptics by his insistence — stronger than in the past — that monetary union could not proceed unless the economic conditions were right. But he will have incensed the hardliners by his clear implication that if those economic conditions were met he had no time for the constitutional objections raised by some of the sceptics. Mr Clarke's speech made no mention of a referendum, to which he remains opposed.

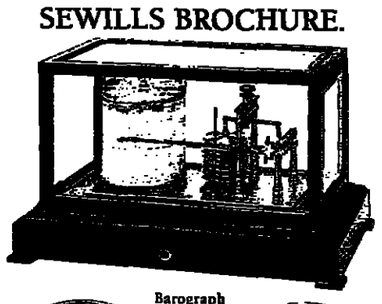
He declared that the decision on a single currency must be based on a "hard-headed assessment" of British national self-interest in terms of jobs, capital investment and selling goods and services in the world market.

His speech underlined the divide in the Tory party. In a move timed to coincide with the speech, almost 100 Tory MPs yesterday signed a broadly Euro-sceptic Commons motion, congratulating Mr Major on ruling out a single currency in 1997, and opposing Tony Blair's posture of support for one. The skilful drafting of the motion meant that it attracted MPs hitherto not considered as sceptics: the majority, however, appeared to be declaring their caution over monetary union. Mr Clarke called on Britain, like

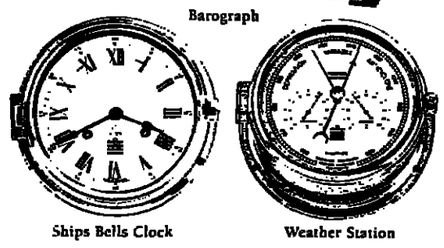
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A day of embarrassing slips and leaks



Lord Lester: has shopped his mates

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

CAN ever a day have better illustrated the difference between the worlds of the Lords and the Commons, than yesterday? Over in the Lords, old codgers of infinite experience and unfathomable age mulled over the issues of the day with judicious care.

Over in the Commons everyone was collapsing in giggles because a backbencher had said something which sounded like "urine".

In the House of Peers we started with an apology. Lord Lester of Herne Hill has recently turned journalists' nark and shopped his mates, claiming that some peers accept money to ask questions. Their Lordships are in uproar. To say food has been thrown in the Tea Room would be going too far, but Lester has had to keep out of range of loose tea-cakes. Not to put too fine a point on it, the noble Lord walks in fear of having his noble head shoved down the noble loo by his noble friends. Yesterday he apologised.

Or did he? With peers, as with penguins, behaviour patterns are subtle and complex. It needs the expertise of a parliamentary David Attenborough to interpret a slight inclination of a titled head, the hint of a waggle of a noble bottom, the faintest aggrieved moo or half-murmured "my noble friend".

Kitted out in black suit and mournful expression, Lord Lester rose. He sounded *fairly* contrite. He did apologise for "risking blemishing" the House. He did speak of his own "great personal distress". He even lowered his head and cast down his eyes upon resuming his seat.

But he did not withdraw the allegations. Indeed he implied that his error had been to commit them to a "memo" which had leaked ("by whom I know not") to the Press. He would explain his views to the Procedures Committee instead. He was heard in complete silence.

After Lester's bad dream came a nightmare any ordinary housewife might experience. In this nightmare you are at the dispatch box in the House of Lords and obliged to field hostile enquiries on a fearsomely delicate matter — part-military and part-legal. Your questioners are a Field Marshall and ex-Chief of the Imperial General Staff and the whole Defence Staff, a former Chief Justice, a former Home Secretary and a former Lord Chancellor.

The question yesterday was whether the framework under which Private Clegg has been sentenced to life, should be changed. The ex-Chief of Defence Staff was Lord Carver: clear, terse and soldierly. The former Chief Justice was Lord Widoger: authoritative and cross. The former Home Secretary was the expert Merlyn Rees. The retired Lord Chancellor was Lord Hailsham: clever, funny, brutal and patronising.

And at the dispatch box? The ordinary housewife was Baroness Blatch. For her there was no waking up, no relieved discovery that it was only a dream. She really was a member of the Government. She really didn't know the answer. Her performance was heroic.

So I almost missed the roar from down the corridor. Someone had said "urine" in the Commons. Ian Bruce (C, Dorset S) was experiencing a nightmare of his own.

It had been his big moment: called to question the PM. He wanted to ask Mr Major about a committee. Disaster! In his nervousness he gabbled its name. It came out as "the all-party urine group". "Enticing!" said the PM. Everybody was laughing. Bruce couldn't see why. He was standing there in stunned embarrassment.

This morning he, too, may awake and hope that yesterday was a dream. Well, Mr Bruce, if you're reading this, it wasn't.

Sinn Fein bugging claim halts peace talks at Stormont

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SINN FEIN suspended talks with government officials in Belfast yesterday after the party's security team claimed to have detected a listening device in private rooms set aside for its delegation.

Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland Minister, categorically denied that the Government had monitored the rooms at the Stormont Parliament buildings, but Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, said that the discovery was "potentially a very serious matter".

Mr Ancram said: "I understand as of this time nothing has been found, but the investigations are continuing. I would like categorically to state that any suggestion or inference that this room was in any way monitored by or on behalf of the British Government is totally without foundation. We want to see this process of exploratory dialogue continue to make good progress."

Martin McGuinness, heading the Sinn Fein delegation, led his team out of the talks after agreeing with government officials to postpone the meeting while police investigated the allegation. Two members of the party stayed behind at Stormont while the rooms were sealed for the RUC investigation.

The listening device was allegedly detected soon after the delegation arrived at Stormont when Sinn Fein's so-called security team carried out a routine sweep of a suite of rooms set aside for the party's private use. Mr McGuinness immediately called in Quentin Thomas, the Deputy Secretary at the Northern Ireland Office who is leading the Government delegation. He agreed to seal the room and to postpone the talks.

At a press conference at Sinn Fein's headquarters in West Belfast, Mr McGuinness outlined what will be seen as one of the most bizarre developments in the peace process. He said: "We arrived at Stormont at around 1pm. Our security team brought to my attention a strong signal which they picked up during the routine sweep of the rooms which have been allocated to us for the talks. I satisfied myself that there was indeed a signal and the advice from my security team was that there was a listening device in the room."

He added: "I contacted Quentin Thomas and invited him to our rooms. He came there accompanied by another member of the British delegation. All three of us established to our mutual satisfaction that there was indeed a signal."

Mr McGuinness stressed that Sinn Fein had not walked out of the talks, and that the party had agreed with the Government to postpone the meeting. He added that the party was keen to resume the talks once it was confident it could feel secure.

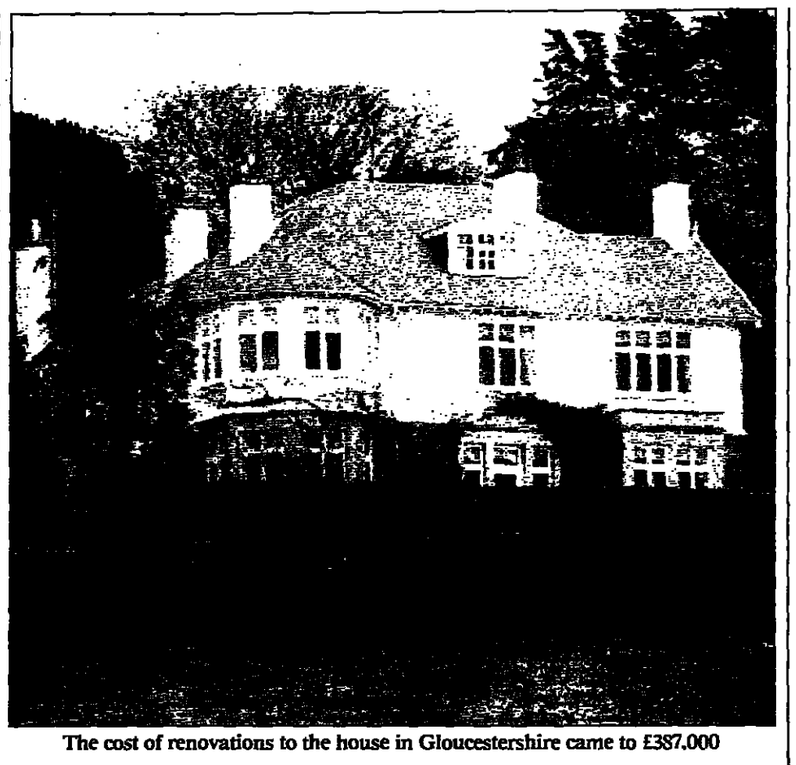
Sinn Fein would not be drawn further, but Mr Adams said preliminary reports suggested that the development was serious. He said: "If that room was being electronically monitored then as far as we are concerned that is a serious situation. What we are trying to do now is to resolve this matter so that the talks can continue in a secure environment."

The Northern Ireland Office yesterday denied that the Government had monitored the room. In a statement it said: "The head of the Government delegation said that any implication that the rooms were being monitored by, or on behalf of the Government, was without foundation."



Adams: trying to resolve the matter

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The cost of renovations to the house in Gloucestershire came to £387,000

Air chief forced to quit

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properly debated in the House. RAF sources said that as a senior civil servant, Sir Sandy was prevented from making any public comment about the affair.

The Masters report is known to be critical of a number of RAF officers and civil servants and traces the original authorisation for the work in 1992 to Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thompson, who was then commander-in-chief of RAF Support Command. Sir John died of a heart attack last year.

Defence sources said that Sir John approved the estimate, which was then £250,000, because he believed the value of the house would appreciate significantly. Local estate agents valued Haymes Garth at £500,000, but MoD valuers last year said it was worth only £250,000.

The report is understood to say that Sir Sandy asked for further renovation work to make the house more suitable for a four-star commander. Sir Sandy was assigned the residence when he became commander-in-chief of RAF Personnel and Training Command.

To cover the decorations needed after the demolition work had been carried out, Sir Sandy was told by Support Command that he could spend £60,000 for the interior work, including new soft furnishings and fabrics. "This figure was given to Sir Sandy and his wife, Mary," one source said.

The work included new bathrooms and a kitchen, a new roof and replacement of all the window mullions.

RAF officers last night supported Sir Sandy and there was anger at what appeared to be a high-level leak of allegations, designed to blight Sir Sandy's hopes of keeping his job. They called for the report to be published as soon as possible.

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the French and the Germans, to have the self-confidence to believe that European politics did not threaten national identity. Ridiculing the arguments of those who say that Britain should aim only for an economic role in Europe he said that was the position of Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein, "but does not match the history or ambition of the United Kingdom."

Mr Clarke said the single currency could improve the efficiency of the single market. By providing an exchange rate certainty that "alas" the ERM did not deliver, a single currency could lead to stronger trade and investment links to the benefit of all.

Monetary union could secure low inflation and lower and more stable interest rates over the medium term. "We could all benefit from being part of a Europe-wide low inflation zone, and a single currency would reduce the costs that businesses and tourists face every time they exchange money."

Turning to the pitfalls, Mr Clarke said that an "ill thought out, ill-conceived monetary union would do Europe harm." He entirely understood those who after the unhappy experience of the ERM said that they would need persuading that a single currency was either feasible or desirable. A single currency would not work unless the participating economies were marching as one.

As expected Mr Clarke outlined the additional criteria that Britain felt would have to be met. He said there was a need to tackle deep-seated structural differences within Europe's economies, reflected by current account trade balances, the integration of markets, unit labour costs, and differences in rates of productivity growth.

While Mr Clarke said it would be "folly" to make a decision now one way or the other, Britain must play a full part in work on monetary union before the choice was made.

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Norris has 'no cause for regret'

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE Prime Minister came to the defence of Steven Norris, the Junior Transport Minister, yesterday and insisted in the Commons that his description of bus and train travellers as "dreadful human beings" had been "widely misinterpreted".

Mr Major said the point made by Mr Norris was that motorists' attitudes had to be changed "and I think few will disagree with that". He was replying at question time to John Townend, Tory MP for Bridlington, who said thousands of women agreed with Mr Norris that they felt intimidated if, when using public transport, they had to sit next to "a drunk, somebody high on drugs, or young thugs".

Mr Norris said he had "no regrets" about what he had said. His statement to a Commons select committee had been taken out of context, he said during a visit to Manchester. "They are not words one regrets having spoken," he said. "But it is a sincere regret that people attempt to make a news story by taking a remark out of context."

After his visit Mr Norris, who is responsible for transport in London, was chauffeur-driven to Oldham to discuss local transport problems. After a second engagement in Stockport, where he unveiled a plaque in commemoration of two murdered Department of Transport inspectors, the minister returned to London by second class rail. He told photographers that his travel arrangements had been made two weeks ago. "I don't have to stage these things," he said. "I think that would be frankly pathetic."

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God is worth more than a football ticket, says bishop

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING evangelical bishop said yesterday that people who put less than £8 in the church collection plate but could afford to buy Premiership football tickets had "no sense of value" in God.

The Rt Rev Michael Baughen, Bishop of Chester, said too many people gave £1 a week or less when they could afford much more. Writing in the latest *Diocesan News*, Bishop Baughen said: "The cheapest seats for premier league football matches cost from £12 to £15 — even at lower division games the cost is £8. Is our Lord worth less? Is his Church? For anyone, except the genuinely poor, to give £1 a week suggests no sense of value for our Lord and his kingdom — and yet over 30 per cent of regular givers are still giving £1 or less each week."

He added: "As St Paul puts it, giving is a proof of the genuineness of your love for Christ, 'who, though he was rich, became poor' for our sakes."

Referring to the Church of England's financial crisis, which led this week to the announcement that the Church Commissioners had put the MetroCentre up for sale, the bishop called for a "steady realistic shouldering of the new situation, even if it does feel uncomfortable, until we get used to it."

His comments provoked controversy in Chester last night. Christine Russell, a councillor, said: "The bishop appears to be applying market forces to religion. People don't prove their Christian credentials by how much money they give to the Church."

Paul Goggins, of Church Action on Poverty, said: "We must resist at all stages putting any undue pressure on people who cannot afford to pay, and that is the risk of remarks like this. People must not feel stigmatised in any way." A spokeswoman for Oxfam said: "We would only expect people to give what they were able."

The Bishop's chaplain, the Rev Tim Barker said: "This is clear Christian teaching about the importance of proportionate giving. The reason for the comparison with football tickets is to jolt people into thinking about the way prices have changed in a way that their giving might have not. He is not saying everyone should put £8 in the collection plate."

Mr Barker said: "He is referring to Deuteronomy 16.16 and 17, which says people should bring such gifts as they can in proportion to the blessing God has given them. He says clearly that for some £1 a week may be a reasonable proportion, but for those earning more, giving must be in proportion to what they are earning, which has always been the teaching of the Church and the Bible."

☐ Only two out of five young people believe in God, according to a survey of 17,000 teenagers published today by researchers at Trinity College, Carmarthen. One in three is agnostic, and a quarter say that they are atheists. One quarter of the teenagers questioned had considered suicide, the report found.

Lester refuses to retract payment allegation

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

LORD LESTER Of Herne Hill refused last night to retract his allegations of corruption in the House of Lords and appealed for an early opportunity to put his case.

In an unusual intervention at the start of yesterday's business in the Lords the Liberal Democrat peer apologised for "risking blemishing" the House's reputation.

Lord Lester is deeply upset at his treatment by some peers, who have effectively blackballed him. He has told friends that he had no part in the leaking and he is angry that peers are shooting him down as the messenger rather than showing concern over the allegations.

In a statement over the leaking of evidence he gave to a committee about four Lords and several MPs he says took "substantial amounts of cash" for putting questions to ministers, Lord Lester said he regretted the leak.

But although peers and MPs have been calling for him to "put up or shut up" and Lord Cranborne, the Leader of the House, has told him it is his responsibility to substantiate the allegations, Lord Lester, a leading human rights lawyer, last night refused to give any names, saying his source, a client, had not divulged them. Instead he asked for an early opportunity to explain his views in public to the committee under Lord Griffiths, a former law lord, which is investigating the financial affairs of peers.

Members of the House of Lords are ruled by the ancient convention of personal honour and there are no rules specifically governing the payment of cash for questions or declarations of their financial and commercial interest. But in the current climate of concern about sleaze in public life Lord Griffiths's committee is looking at the case for a register of peers' interests.

To stony silence Lord Lester, who was created a peer two years ago, said the disclosure had caused him "great personal distress" and added: "I profoundly regret the embarrassment my note and its public disclosure have caused to the House and to another place."

Later Lord McIntosh of Haringey, deputy leader of the Opposition in the Lords and a member of the committee that was given the memo, agreed with Lord Lester that there was a problem. "Widespread payments by commercial organisations to members of the House of Lords are eating away at the credibility of Parliament," he said. But he said that Lord Lester's apology had not been helpful. "As a lawyer he should know that if you accuse someone of doing something wrong you have to give evidence to back it up. We don't want a queue of people coming here making damaging allegations."

Lord Pearson of Rannoch said: "Peers put far fewer questions down and always on one of their subjects of interest. A paid question would stick out like a sore thumb."



Lord Cranborne: claims must be substantiated

Livestock ports face fresh protests

A fresh wave of protests is threatening to engulf Britain's ports as exporters step up livestock shipments in the wake of court rulings prohibiting harbours from turning away lawful trade.

Animal shipments resumed at Shoreham, in West Sussex, yesterday, while at Brightlingsea, Essex, activists were planning a large demonstration today in an attempt to stop the first lorryload of calves entering the small port, which has previously handled only sheep. Organisers predicted 2,000 people would protest.

Appeal ruled out

The Home Office has refused to refer to the Appeal Court the case of four paratroopers sentenced to community service for assaulting a man outside a nightclub. David Martin, a Tory MP, had complained that the sentences imposed at Winchester Crown Court on Tuesday were "grossly inadequate".

Drugs expulsion

A boy of 11 has been expelled from George Ward School in Melksham, Wiltshire, for selling drugs to pupils between lessons. The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was caught after allegedly trying to sell a sixteenth of an ounce of cannabis to a 13-year-old who reported him to teachers.

Billing attacked

The Prime Minister condemned Eastern Electricity yesterday for sending bills to customers almost three weeks early. John Major told the Commons that he disapproved of the practice. Labour has condemned as "daylight robbery" the company's early billing, which enhances cash flow.

Leukaemia find

A new treatment for the commonest form of childhood leukaemia has produced encouraging results. The treatment uses a chemical extracted from soya beans and attached to an antibody. The results, using human leukaemia cells in a mouse, show that treatment can kill 99.999 per cent of cancer cells.

Abuser jailed

John Allen, 53, former head of the Bryn Alyn Children's Home in Wrexham, Clwyd, was jailed for six years yesterday for a series of sex offences against boys in his care. He was the seventh man to be convicted after an investigation covering 46 children's homes in Wales.

'Buster' finding

Buster Edwards, 63, the Great Train robber found hanging in a lock-up garage near his flower stall at Waterloo Station, London, last year, had drunk six times the drink-driving alcohol limit. Sir Montague Levine, the Southwark coroner, recorded an open verdict.

Rooted in history

Historic Scotland will use 500-year-old oaks from an ecologically managed wood for authentic reconstruction of the great hall at Stirling Castle. The work is part of £20 million improvements at Scotland's second most popular tourist attraction after Edinburgh Castle.

Mrs Anne Davis

Mrs Anne Davis asks us to make clear that a reference (February 2) to her being deregistered by Sutton social services for smacking a child in her care was incorrect. Mrs Davis was deregistered for refusing to give an undertaking never to smack; a decision which she successfully challenged in the courts.

ALF activist jailed for sending hoax bomb

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN ANIMAL rights activist who terrorised an eight-months pregnant woman with a hoax bomb and death threats was jailed for three years yesterday.

Niel Hansen, 28, sent a package by taxi to the home of Karen Gardner, a public relations officer with the pharmaceutical company Glaxo. It was detonated by an army bomb disposal squad who found that it contained cat litter.

Luton Crown Court was told that Hansen was trying to prevent the company from developing a £700 million research establishment in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, by discouraging staff recruitment. Glaxo spent more than £10,000 rehousing Mrs Gardner, 33, and her husband Colin after the bomb hoax and an attack in which paint was daubed on the couple's home in Stevenage.

Hansen is unemployed and a member of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), with previous convictions for arson and criminal damage to butchers' shops. Judge Ronald Moss told him: "I don't suppose that many of us will understand why many of you behave in the way you do. I imagine a large number of people sympathise with your views but when they spill over and the rule of law is threatened then the courts have got to take a stand."

Hansen admitted sending the imitation bomb, and criminal damage. A charge of conspiracy to cause criminal damage was left on the file. Two charges against his girlfriend, Tracy Stephenson, 26, were left on file and she was allowed to leave the dock.

On October 21, 1993, Mrs Gardner and her husband visited friends, returning the next day to find the front of their house daubed in red paint and glass etching fluid which turned the windows opaque.

Two hours before they returned home the ALF held a press conference in an hotel in Hertford to report the attack and warn of future measures against Glaxo employees.

Two days after the incident Mr Gardner received a telephone call at home from a man saying: "Tell Karen she is dead." Then on November 1, 1993, a series of telephone calls was made to the couple's home from a public house in Stevenage. The third of these was taken by Mrs Gardner who said "Hello" but received no reply. A barmaid at the pub remembered seeing Hansen there.

Soon afterwards a man telephoned Stevenage library pretending to be Mr Gardner and saying that his wife had left a parcel there which he would send a taxi to collect.

Mrs Gardner took a further call saying: "Make sure you obey instructions in the note with the bomb or there will be a bloodbath." When the taxi arrived Mrs Gardner shouted at him not to get the package out of the boot but the driver, thinking it a joke, left it on the pavement and drove off.

After the case Mrs Gardner said: "Anyone who works in medical research is aware of the risk."



Judge Moss: "Not many understand your action".

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CHRIS HARRIS

Norma Major, left, and Dame Joan Sutherland with the blood-stained costume she wore in the 1959 production of *Lucia di Lammermoor*

Blood and cheers at Sutherland auction

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

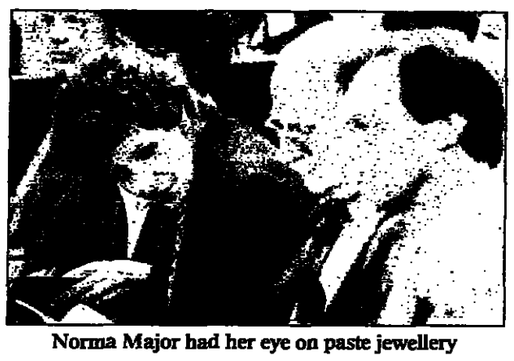
FOR Dame Joan Sutherland, the opera singer known as "*La Stupenda*", yesterday was a performance to remember. At an auction of 300 pieces of personal memorabilia, the blood-spattered costume that she wore in Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* at Covent Garden in 1959 was sold for £5,750, twice the estimate.

The gown, designed by Franco Zeffirelli, the film director, who insisted it be heavily stained for the mad scene in Act III, was bought by the Royal Opera House for its archives. As the auctioneer's hammer fell, bidders broke into applause.

Some, it seemed, could remember Dame Joan in that original production, which first brought her international renown. Others would have seen her retake the role almost every year for a quarter of a century, at houses from the Metropolitan to Minneapolis. For four decades, she dazzled audiences with her vocal range and technical prowess.

Four years after her last performance, Dame Joan, 68, sat towards the back of Sotheby's London saleroom, calmly noting prices fetched next to each catalogue entry. If first-night memories were flooding back as each lot was displayed, she was giving little away. From time to time, a devotee would ask for an autograph. One woman asked her to sign a fan that she had just bought from the collection.

Dame Joan amassed a huge collection of costumes, which she kept in an attic in her Swiss home, near Montreux. After the sale, which totalled nearly £216,200, she spoke of her relief at not having to take them home again. Asked what she thought the buyers would do with them, she answered: "I don't think anyone will make a patchwork out of them." One man who bought several costumes admitted he had no idea.



Norma Major had her eye on paste jewellery

Karen Taylor, who organises walking tours of Kensington, west London, was delighted with the costume she bought for £460. "It's so beautiful I could wear it. And it's from one of my favourite operas, *La Traviata*." She said that she had not intended to spend more than £200 until she had seen the opera identified. "Ooh, and it was Zeffirelli. Oh, my God, and she dies in this act."

Norma Major, wife of the Prime Minister and biographer of Dame Joan, was another of those bidding for a souvenir. She told the opera star that she had her eye on paste jewellery from *La Traviata*. Mrs Major, who wrote the introduction to the auction catalogue, sat at the front of the saleroom, while someone else bid for her. It was not clear if she was after a collection of jewels from various 1960s *Traviata* productions, which sold for £977, and included crystal earrings, or for the ruby and diamond necklace worn in Zeffirelli's 1960 production, which fetched £862.

Although Sotheby's insisted that Mrs Major did not go home with a purchase, Mrs Major told Dame Joan that she was "happy with what I got". Dame Joan, who said that she had been emotional only when saw the collection leave her house for Sotheby's, could not quite recall what that was.

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Prison for stressed nurse who attacked babies

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A SHORT-TEMPERED and overworked children's hospital nurse who attacked two babies in his care was jailed for five years yesterday.

Richard Coleman, 29, slammed a seven-week-old girl head-first against a wall leaving her with possible lifelong brain damage. A seven-month-old boy received a broken arm after being picked up with a "pulling and twisting motion".

Passing sentence at Snaresbrook Crown Court, Judge Hitching told Coleman that it was clear both attacks were connected to emotionally demanding shifts of up to 12 hours at Great Ormond Street children's hospital in London. "They have a background of general stress arising from long hours at work and particular stresses relating to your family." He added that Coleman had "a particular personality that reacts and responds in a particular way to situations of stress".

Coleman, a father-of-two from Ilford, Essex, was convicted last year of causing grievous bodily harm to Dominic Judd and grievous bodily harm with intent to the baby girl, who cannot be named.

The court was told that while Dominic, now aged two, from Billericay, Essex, was being treated at Great Ormond Street, Coleman used the child's arm as a lever to haul him into the air and snapped the limb.

Seven months later he battered his second victim while caring for her at a private house. The girl was swung through the air against a wall and suffered two severe skull fractures, brain haemorrhaging and a broken ankle.

Dr Nigel Eastman, a psychiatrist, told the court that Coleman had "permanent and inherent" damage to his personality that was probably untreatable.

After the hearing Sir Anthony Tippet, Great Ormond Street chief executive, said that the incident was deeply regretted. "Nothing during Coleman's training had given rise to worries about his suitability as a children's nurse."

Navy officers squared up over Wren at bonfire night disco

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TWO Royal Navy lieutenants were given a dressing down and fined by a court martial yesterday for squaring up to each other in a dispute over a Wren at a bonfire night discotheque. They were told their behaviour was "totally unacceptable in naval officers".

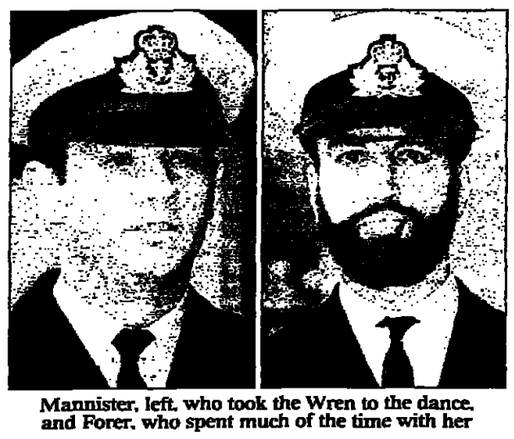
Andrew Mannister, a Sea King pilot with two years' operational flying in Bosnia and the commander's assistant at the *HMS Sultan* shore base at Gosport, Hampshire, and Duncan Forer, described as "a larger than life character", were fined £1,000 and £650 respectively.

Mannister, whose defence counsel said he flew Radovan Karadzik to peace conferences while serving in Bosnia, and Forer had first swapped insults on the dance floor before going outside. At the court martial at Portsmouth they each admitted using threatening behaviour and provocative words.

The trouble flared at the junior officers' disco at *HMS Sultan* on November 5 last year. Wren Tunseem Coppock had gone to the disco at the invitation of Mannister, the organiser, although she had spent much of the time dancing with Forer, Lieutenant Commander Nick Hawkins, for the prosecution, said.

In the early hours, when the disc jockey played the last dance, Forer had approached Mannister and introduced himself with a handshake, but then said: "You're lucky you haven't had your head kicked in tonight." Mannister replied: "Don't come that shit with me," adding: "We had better go outside." The two officers had then gone out through the patio door to a nearby road.

"Mannister adopted a karate-style pose. He was bouncing around, waving his arms and jabbing," the prosecution said. Forer had said: "You've chosen the wrong man," and the two had to be pulled apart. Mannister received a bruise on his forehead and Forer a cut lip.



Mannister, left, who took the Wren to the dance, and Forer, who spent much of the time with her

Lieutenant Commander Rod Blain, for Forer, said he was an honest and forthright officer and perhaps those qualities were "rather stronger than his diplomacy".

Commander Michael Pengelly, one of Forer's former commanding officers, told the court martial that Forer, 30, was a "larger than life" character, a captain of cricket and organiser of numerous other events. He was very well liked.

Lieutenant Commander Andrew Jameson, for Mannister, 26, said as organiser of the event he felt responsible for the evening's success and resolved three things. "One, he resolved not to drink too much, two to circulate, and three to get the evening going."

He was "flabbergasted" when Forer approached him and said he was lucky not to have had his head kicked in. He added: "He did not know what on earth he was talking about. When he said 'We had better go outside,' it was spontaneous. It meant let's avoid a scene in here."

Peter Jones, Commander of *HMS Sultan*, described Mannister as "very capable, alert, keen, and a great support". He remained as a commanding officer's assistant after the incident, he told the court martial.

Captain Anthony McEwan, president of the board, said: "We are in no doubt that this was a serious incident. Notwithstanding that neither of you sustained serious injury it was because you were physically separated by wiser messmates.

"Your behaviour is totally unacceptable in naval officers — by that I mean resorting to violence."

Judge defends his sleeping dog

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A JUDGE'S dog was cleared yesterday of disrupting a court case with its snoring. Barty, a 12-year-old springer spaniel, went on trial after Graham Gregory, a building equipment supplier, said that the noise prevented him from concentrating while giving evidence during a two-hour hearing over a disputed accountant's bill.

However, Judge Brandt, Barty's owner, threw out Mr Gregory's plea for a new hearing of the case at Colchester County Court, saying that the application was "ridiculous and fictitious". Judge Brandt, whose dog has slept at his feet in court for the past five years, said that Mr Gregory was "a gentleman who lacks anything in the way of integrity or scruples. It would have been better if sleeping dogs had been left to lie where they were."

The judge made his comments after being told that Mr Gregory had a "peculiar sensitivity" to background noise and was unable to collect his thoughts during the hearing last month. He said that Mr Gregory had given people a great deal of enjoyment with his claim and for that he awarded him Brownie points.

"This is the first I have heard of his hearing condition and I am quite satisfied he was the only person who heard anything at all," Judge Brandt said. "There was absolutely nothing wrong with the original trial and I only wish he had the decency to apologise for all this. But he has not."

The court was told that nobody had ever complained about the dog's presence under the judge's bench and a tape recording of the original proceedings showed no evidence that he was snoring at the time. Barty was at his master's feet as usual during yesterday's hearing and quietly dozed through the discussion of his sleeping habits.

Mr Gregory, 41, of Stowmarket, Suffolk, who now faces a hefty legal bill in addition to the original £6,000 judgment, said afterwards: "The whole thing is like something out of Monty Python. But I won't be taking the judge's advice to let sleeping dogs lie. I am going to appeal."

Mr Gregory, who has written to the Lord Chancellor, said that he did not complain at the original hearing because he had no idea that there was a dog in court and thought that it might be the judge snoring.

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Flamboyant Blackpool Football Club owner arrested in dawn raid on country home

Millionaire held in inquiry into attacks on women

By Kate Alderson and Jon Ashworth

OWEN OYSTON, the self-made socialist millionaire and owner of Blackpool Football Club, was arrested by police at his home in a dawn raid yesterday after allegations had been made of serious sexual assaults on women.

The 60-year-old businessman, one of the most prominent and flamboyant entrepreneurs in the Northwest, was still being questioned by detectives at a police station in south Manchester last night. The arrest, by Greater Manchester Police, followed a five-month inquiry which began at a modelling agency in Manchester.

He was arrested at his 16th-century country manor, Claughton Hall, near Lancaster, where he lives with his wife Vicky, a former Blackpool beauty queen whom he divorced and later remarried, and their five children. Six rare European bison graze in the 150 acres of land surrounding the Tudor hall, once owned by the Morse family.

Mr Oyston once dreamed of treading the boards as a big-league actor. He never made it, but that has not stopped him rising to become one of Britain's most theatrical business personalities. Life was not always luxurious. At the depths of his attempts to break into acting in London, he was living on just one bottle of milk a day. He then took a job as a sewing machine salesman, and when the firm went bust Mr Oyston began his own company, which in turn collapsed, a year later, leaving him with "just £7 in cash, a Jaguar car which was my pride and joy, and four gallons of petrol".



Vicky Oyston: married Owen Oyston twice

Known for his goatee beard, flowing grey locks and trademark stetson, he injected a welcome burst of colour into the somewhat grey business of buying and selling houses.

Raised in Blackpool, the son of a coal miner, Mr Oyston left school at 16 after passing "nothing more than a lamp-post", and had a go at acting before more mundane reality found him back in the North, working as a property salesman. He went on to wake up the staid world of estate agency, pioneering a "no sale, no fee" arrangement during the Sixties, and once famously tumbling backwards fully clothed into a swimming pool to promote his wares on television. The Oyston Estate Agency, with 89 offices, revolutionised the business, staying open late at night.

Two decades on, Oyston could claim to have built Britain's largest firm of family-owned estate agents. With deft timing — or perhaps plain luck — he sold out to Royal Insurance in 1987 for a tidy £30 million, shortly before the property market collapsed. He took over the debt-ridden *News on Sunday*, a left-wing tabloid, but it collapsed less than six months later. He remains the owner of the Lancashire Life magazines series.

He used the cash he made from the sale of his chain to build a media empire in the North West, with interests in a number of radio, publishing and cable television ventures. He took a controlling stake in Blackpool Football Club, and established a stud farm to breed his own racehorses.

Mr Oyston also turned his hand to broadcasting, founding Red Rose Radio in a converted church in Preston, and going on to buy various independent stations including Piccadilly Radio in Manchester and Red Dragon Radio in Cardiff. He became an outspoken critic of Margaret Thatcher. In 1988, arguably at the peak of his fortunes, Mr Oyston merged his radio interests with the company behind the Miss World pageants to create Trans World Communications. The venture was not a success, and Eric Morley, the Miss World creator, later bought back his side of the business.

Mr Oyston resigned as chairman and chief executive of Trans World in July 1991 under pressure from shareholders angered by mounting losses at the radio group. He is reputed to have lost £2 million after the failure of the *News on Sunday* in 1987, the left-wing tabloid launched in Manchester. He received substantial damages from *The Sunday Times* in 1991 on the settlement of a libel action brought over reports published in 1989 which dealt with share dealings involving him and Derbyshire council council pension funds.

He was dubbed a champagne socialist after he stood as a Labour candidate in local elections in Blackpool in the early 1960s. He recently announced plans for a £130 million astrodome at the resort.

☐ Police charged two people with sex offences yesterday. Peter Martin, 54, a businessman and a former policeman, was accused of rape and Tracy Marie Grainey, 28, in charge of a modelling agency, was charged with indecent assault. The pair, who share a house in Sale, Greater Manchester, were remanded in custody by Trafford magistrates yesterday, pending further police inquiries. Both had previously been on bail accused of various indecent assaults.



Owen Oyston at Cloughton Hall, Lancaster, the Tudor house which is also home to six rare European bison

Protests fail to keep drug clinic out of village

By Andrew Pierce

A SALE will be completed today that will bring Europe's largest alcohol and drug rehabilitation clinic to a seaside Norfolk village in the face of fierce local opposition and claims of financial irregularity.

Work will start within four weeks on the 110-bed charity clinic at Mundesley Hospital. The centre, which will cater for heroin and crack addicts, is a short distance from a stone-built holiday chalet camp and caravan site.

Sir Ralph Howell, the local MP, referred the case to the National Audit Office after the building was sold to Adapt, a London charity, for £250,000 by the Anglia and Oxford Regional Health Authority. It had been put on the market for £500,000.

Sir Ralph, Tory MP for Norfolk North, said last night: "I have appealed direct to Virginia Bottomley [the Health Secretary] without success. I have written to the Comptroller General because I don't think taxpayers are being given a fair deal. It is being sold at a cut price."

Charities are paying the £1 million conversion costs. Local authorities, health authorities and probation services will pay the £440 weekly residential cost per patient.

Norman Southern, a parish councillor, said last night: "There is intense feeling against this. This is a family holiday resort. It is an unspoilt beauty spot. This will alter the character of the village forever."

Brian Arbery, Adapt's chief executive, said he had been taken aback by the intense opposition to the project, which did not require planning permission. He said: "We have chosen this site because it is in an isolated position. There is an increase in drug use in Norfolk and a need for this facility."

A spokeswoman for the regional health authority rejected accusations of financial irregularity over the sale. "We sold it for the best price on offer. It was the only tender which came in."

Cost of running private jail £8m more than Group 4 bid

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THE cost of running Britain's first privatised jail is £8 million more than the original bid made by the Group 4 security firm, the Commons Public Accounts Committee disclosed yesterday.

Committee members expressed concern that the figure was substantially higher than bargained for when the contract was awarded. The bid was £21.5 million over five years, but the actual cost is estimated to be £29.87 million.

MPs also criticised the Government's failure to give full details about why Group 4 was chosen to run the Wolds remand jail on Humberside, which holds 320 male inmates. Tenders from two other firms were lower than Group 4's, one by £2.5 million.

MPs said that important items of expenditure such as water, gas and electricity were not included in the initial contract with Group 4. The Government had also significantly underestimated other costs.

"It is important that the full and true costs of running private sector prisons should be made known at the earliest opportunity, so direct and meaningful comparisons can be made with prisons managed by the public sector," the report said. It welcomes the fact that the Prison Service intends to include the costs of utilities and maintenance in every future contract.

To avoid any question of impropriety, detailed reasons should always be recorded when a contract was not awarded to a firm that submitted the lowest bid and was deemed suitable for the job, the report said.

MPs on the committee took "particular interest" in the fact that Charles Erickson, one of the eight members of the evaluation panel which awarded the contract to Group 4, left the prison service after the contract was awarded and had since joined the company. The MPs noted evidence from the Prison Service that the handling of Mr Erickson's move had complied with rules on the movement of staff between the public and private sectors and had been considered by the Cabinet Office.

The report highlighted the fact that the Home Office could withhold part or all of the monthly payment to Group 4 if performance was unsatisfactory, and that the Prison Service had said that, although there had been one or two failures to meet the contract, the penalty clause had not been invoked. Last night Derek Lewis, Director-General of the Prison Service, said it had been decided to exclude the cost of utilities from the cost.

"The bulk of the £8 million is simply costs that were known about at the time, which could not be precisely estimated, and which we chose to pay directly," he said.

The total cost of operating Wolds, including the £8 million, was £4 million less than the estimated cost of operating it in the public sector, he said. A lower bid than Group 4's to run the prison was not accepted because "price is not the only consideration".



Lewis: chose to exclude costs

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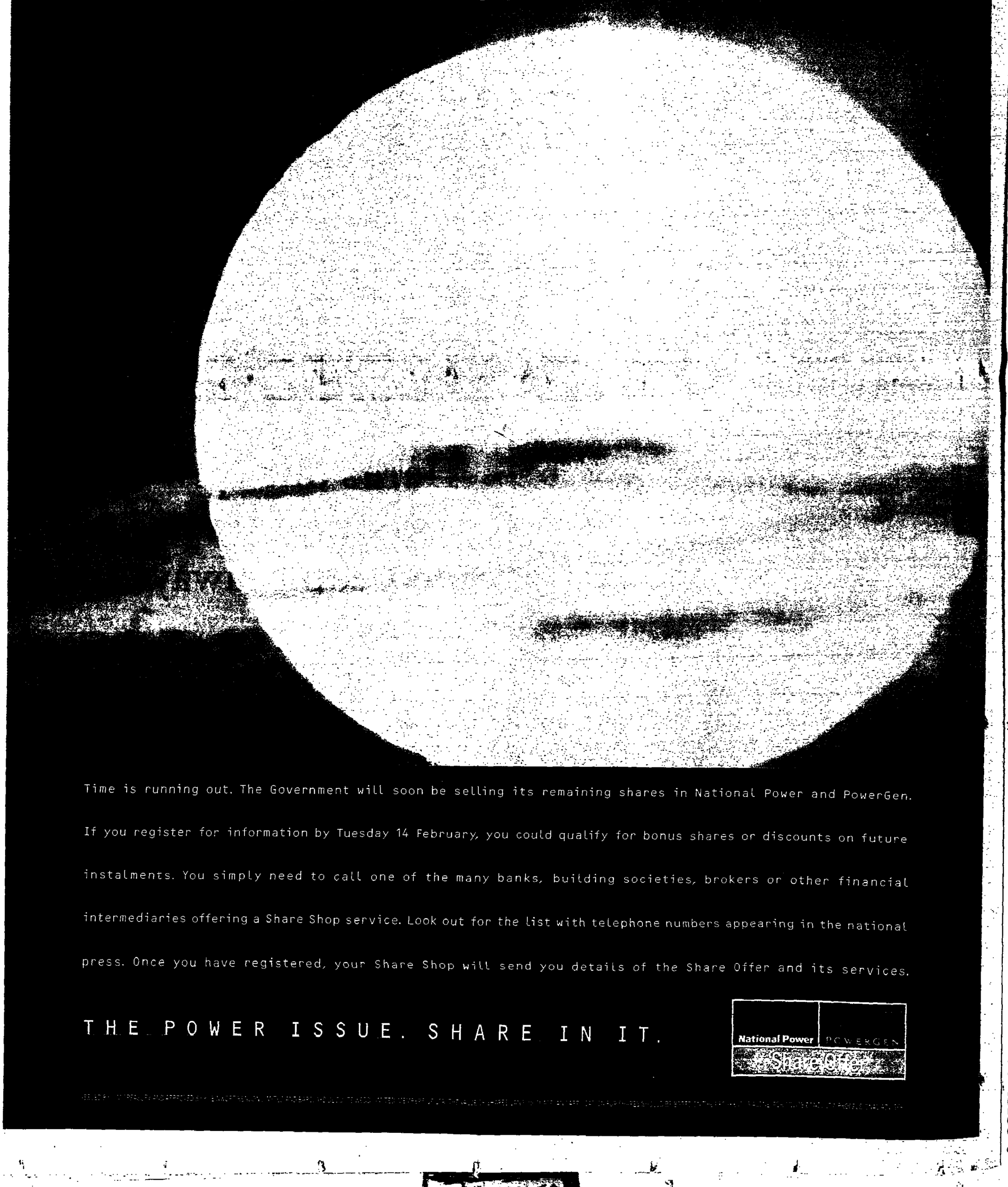
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Ruling puts seizure powers in doubt

Britain ordered to pay costs to jailed drug trafficker

BY IAN MURRAY AND FRANCES GIBB

BRITAIN was ordered to pay a convicted drug trafficker nearly £14,000 in costs yesterday for penalising him under a law which had not come into force when his crimes were committed.

The European Court of Human Rights said it might also award damages if the Government failed to reach a settlement over any claim for compensation. The ruling casts doubt on the validity of part of the Drugs Trafficking Act 1986, used to confiscate money from convicted traffickers. The Home Office said the decision was "disappointing and frustrating".

David Maclean, the junior Home Office minister, said in Parliament: "The whole Commons shares the indignation of the decision these jurists have reached. The decision is not the view of the Government. We have robustly defended our corner. We shall reflect on it, but we remain convinced that the laws we have are just and appropriate for dealing with drug dealers." Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, condemned the ruling as alarming.

The Act says courts must assume that any money owned by a trafficker in the six years leading up to his arrest is the proceeds of trafficking. Orders for some £55 million of assets to be seized have reportedly been made since the Act came into force. Other convicted traffickers may now be able to use the judgment to try to overturn confiscation orders.

The case involved Peter Welch, who was arrested in November 1986 and charged with drug offences. He was found guilty in August 1988 and sentenced to 22 years' imprisonment. The judge made a confiscation order for £66,914 under the Act, which came into force in January 1987, two months after his arrest.



Welch: fought against order to pay £67,000

He was told that if he failed to pay he would be liable to serve a further two years. In 1990 the Appeal Court reduced his sentence by two years and the size of the confiscation order by £7,000. He appealed to the Commission of Human Rights on the ground that he was the victim of a penalty imposed by retrospective legislation. The confiscation order has not been enforced because of Welch's plea to Strasbourg.

Britain lost its argument that the confiscation was not a penalty but a method of recovering illicit gains. The court ruled that the confiscation was a penalty because of "the sweeping statutory assumption that all property passing through the offenders hands over a six-year period is the fruit of drug trafficking unless he can prove otherwise".

The fact that any order was not limited to actual profit and that a trial judge had discretion to fix the sum all pointed to the confiscation being a penalty, the court said.

It emphasised that its ruling concerned only the retrospective application of the law. "[The court] did not call into question in any respect the powers of confiscation conferred on the courts as a weapon in the fight against the scourge of drug trafficking."

The Home Office said that this showed "the court's judgment does not mean that orders confiscating the proceeds of crime are contrary to the European Convention of Human Rights. The sole issue in the Welch case was whether the confiscation order is a penalty and whether it can be applied retrospectively."

Mr Welch, 56, was released on parole last August and is living in Wales. His solicitor, Roger Atter, said yesterday that his client was delighted with the outcome, although he would continue to campaign to establish his innocence of the drug trafficking charges.

Ben Emmerson, the barrister representing Welch, said that despite warnings before the legislation was introduced that it would breach the convention, "the Home Office has buried its head in the sand and built an entire legislative framework on the unsustainable framework that these confiscation orders are not criminal penalties. It was that myth that the court exposed."



MARK ST GEORGE

PC James Seymour, left, and PC Simon Carroll. They were unarmed when Smith shot them outside a pub

Dealer who shot officers gets 25 years

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN INTERNATIONAL drug dealer was jailed for a total of 25 years by the Old Bailey yesterday for shooting two police officers as he tried to escape justice. As he was led to the cells, Leroy Smith, 26, mimed firing a gun at the officers he had almost killed. Judge Richard Lowry told him: "Dreadful crimes must attract dreadful sentences."

Smith, of Wandsworth, south London, had escaped from prison when he shot PC James Seymour, 31, in the back and his colleague, Pc Simon Carroll, 23, in the leg after they approached him in Brixton, south London, in March last year. The judge said: "The courts must deter those who seek to impose gun law on sections of the community. The law must protect the community and police officers who carry out their duties courageously." He said he had watched Smith throughout the month-long trial and had perceived no sign of remorse.

Smith was approached by the two unarmed officers as he went to a pub used by drug dealers. After firing at the officers, Smith escaped on a motorbike and then fled to America, where he was later arrested in connection with another shooting. David Waters, for the prosecution, said that while in the United States, Smith, believed to have connections to Jamaican Yardie drug gangs operating in Britain, boasted to his girlfriend about what he had done. He said he regretted that he had not "got them good and proper".

Smith was jailed for two years for the escape, 18 years for a firearms offence, and five years for robbery. He was also given a 25-year sentence for attempting to murder PC Seymour and 18 years for wounding PC Carroll, all sentences to run concurrently.



Leroy Smith: boasted about the shooting

Club told Cantona to escape TV crews

ERIC CANTONA, who allegedly failed to turn up for questioning by police on Wednesday, was told by Manchester United to leave his home because television crews were camped outside, Alex Ferguson, the club manager, said yesterday. He is understood to be on holiday in Antigua.

Police said on Wednesday that they were annoyed when Cantona failed to turn up for questioning at South Norwood police station, south London, about his attack on a Crystal Palace fan two weeks ago. However, Ferguson said that police knew Cantona would be going on holiday.

Ferguson, who was back at the club's Old Trafford headquarters yesterday after the team had taken a four-day break in Spain, said: "We had to get Eric away because television crews were camped outside his house and more and more were coming every day."

Ferguson's comments echoed those of Maurice Watkins, Cantona's solicitor, who said on Wednesday: "It is just not true that Eric Cantona has failed to turn up at South Norwood police station. No appointment had been made for him to appear because he is on holiday and the police were fully aware of this."

A Metropolitan Police spokesman said: "We have no powers to make him return to the United Kingdom but will be questioning him as soon as he returns."

Oil threat from warship sunk by Germans in 1939

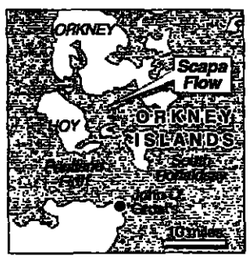
BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE battleship *Royal Oak*, torpedoed by the Germans at the beginning of the Second World War, is threatening to pollute the waters of Scapa Flow. Oil is seeping from the wreck and Royal Navy divers have begun investigating the extent of the hazard to the Orkney islands.

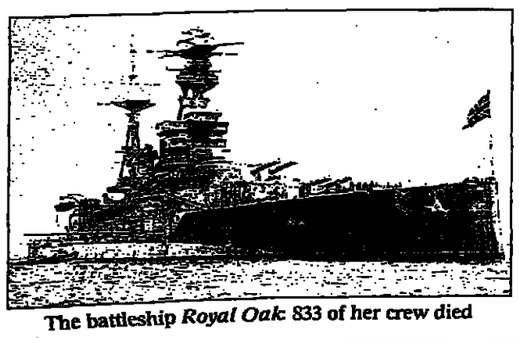
The ship went down in 27 metres of water at midnight on October 13 1939, when 24 officers and 809 crewmen lost their lives as a U-boat torpedo found its target, and is an official war grave.

The battleship was carrying about 3,500 tonnes of diesel fuel when she sank. Fifty five years later, her hull is in such a corroded state there are fears of a major oil spill. Whales are regular visitors to the enclosed waters of the Flow, home to seals, divers, auks, sea duck and many species of fish.

David Flanigan, of Orkney Islands Council, said that over the years there has been a steady trickle of oil and the sheen on the water where the ship sank is visible from the air. Experts from Roysth naval base have taken photographs and samples and will send a report to the council in the next few weeks.



Scapa Flow, where the German High Seas Fleet scuttled itself at the end of the First World War, is a favourite diving ground for trophy hunters, and although civilians are forbidden to dive on *HMS Royal Oak* there have been claims that souvenir hunters have used explosives on the vessel.



The battleship *Royal Oak*: 833 of her crew died

Trust alters rules after body goes by courier

A HOSPITAL that sent the body of a still-born baby in a cardboard box by parcel delivery van for a post-mortem examination said yesterday that changes in procedures meant it would never happen again.

The changes came after an inquiry into the incident involving Wrexham Maelor Hospital NHS Trust in North Wales in November last year. Eddie Kinsella, the chief executive, said: "In future, we shall use coffins for still-born babies and provide the dignity and care of undertakers or special hospital transport."

Officials at the hospital were criticised after paying £50 to have the 7lb baby's body delivered to the University College Hospital, Cardiff, for examination. Mr Kinsella said reports that the baby fell out of the box or that fluid had leaked out were incorrect, but, because of an error in procedures, the couriers did not know what was in the parcel.

Mr Kinsella said: "The inquiry panel is absolutely satisfied that our staff acted in a very professional and caring manner. The problems centre around the transport." He added: "In future, parents will have a choice of using a funeral director or dedicated hospital transport. Parents will also be able to go with them if they wish.

"Our recommendations will be brought to the attention of the Welsh Office Health Department so that lessons learnt can be widely circulated across the NHS." He said the trust had repeated its apologies to the parents.

Sweet gifts for a Valentine

VALENTINE'S Day treats include a presentation box of 12 red roses with a selection of handmade Belgian chocolates for £22.95 from Waitrose, delivered free to anywhere on the mainland (Marianne Darch writes).

Heart-shaped Belgian chocolates have been reduced to £1.99 for 200g at Budgens, and Sainsbury is tempting lovers with a Majestic Alabama Chocolate Fudge Cake for 99p. Tesco's new recipe Strawberry Gateau is £1.49. Best buys at Harrods include heart-shaped duck and orange or cauliflower and leek mousse, both £2.75 each, and heart-shaped Coeur Fleuri cheese for £2.15 each.

There are further reductions on British beef and pork this week. British Heritage beef top rump is reduced to £3.68 a lb at Safeway and at Asda British beef brisket is down to £1.79 a lb. At Somerfield a boneless leg of British pork is £1.19 a lb and unsmoked British bacon 89p a lb. Traditional white fish is good value, with large cod fillets about £3.20 a lb.

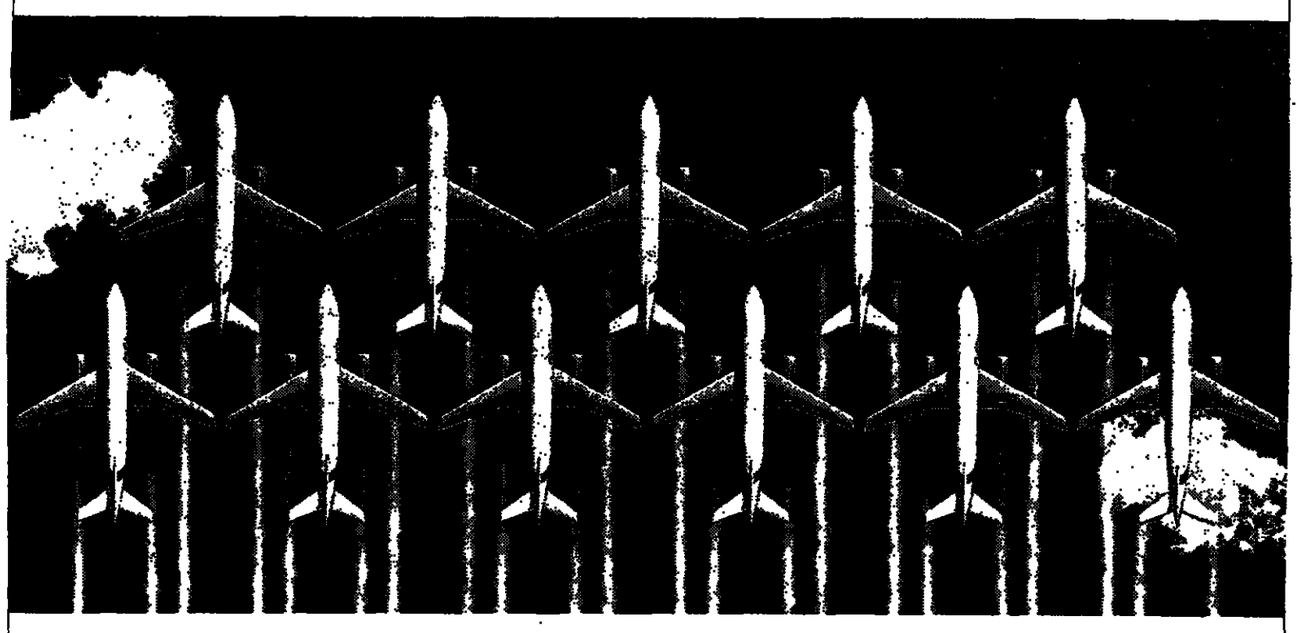
WEEKEND SHOPPING

Best buys include: **Asda:** turkey breast steaks £1.79 a lb; mixed salad and peppers 99p for a 300g pack; 7 almond fingers 49p. **Budgens:** fresh chicken £3.99 for 5lb; steak and kidney pies £1.39 for 454g. **Co-op:** garden peas 24p for 283g; choc and nut cornflakes 99p for 500g; Rich Tea biscuits 29p for 300g. **Harrods:** fresh rainbow trout £1.80 a lb; farmed salmon £5.50 a lb.

Marks and Spencer: fish casserole £3.99; medium luxury bread and butter pudding £1.69; Chianti £3.49 for 75cl **Safeway:** quiche lorraine £1.19 for 340g; crumpets 37p for 12; lemonade 26p for 2 litres.

Somerfield: unsmoked middle bacon 89p a lb; loose parsnips 45p a lb; 350g pepperoni pizza 99p. **Tesco:** fresh chicken quarters £1.29 a lb; extra mature Canadian cheddar £2.44 a lb; new potatoes 29p a lb. **Waitrose:** smoked haddock fillets £2.99 a lb; 3 half baguettes 69p; Waitrose dairy vanilla ice-cream 99p for one litre.

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'It's a mistake to believe that monetary union is a huge step on path to a federal Europe'

Clarke pleads for less dogma and more sense.

The following is an edited version of Kenneth Clarke's speech to the European Movement last night.

A POSITIVE role for Britain in Europe enhances our position in the world, benefits greatly our economy and ultimately strengthens, not weakens, the British nation.

Our goal should be a strong Britain in the heart of a strong Europe, a Europe of strong nation states acting together to further common interests where they exist, but retaining the essential features of of national identity. The bottom line on every proposed new policy should always be: "Would this European policy be good for Britain?"

We should not feel guilty or apologetic about that. Germans ask if European policies are good for Germany, and Frenchmen ask if European policies are good for France. It is entirely right for each member state to ask if Europe is serving its legitimate national self-interest.

Active membership of the European Union does serve our national self-interest. The political achievements of the European Community have been immense. Britain's political influence in the world remains strong — in the Security Council, in the G7 and in our special relationship with the United States. We are the key players now alongside and with our powerful neighbours and friends, France and Germany. We must now allow Britain to become marginalised in Europe.

The ability of British firms to compete in Europe will depend on the ability of the British Government to shape economic policy in Europe in support of British interests. But we will only be able to influence economic policy if we are prepared to engage in the political process with our partners in Europe.

Whether or not Britain should participate in a single currency is one of the most important economic policy decisions that the British Parliament will eventually have to make. At the moment discussion about it is producing more heat and less light than any other subject in British political debate.

Let me take a few moments to look at some of the economic issues involved and separate them from the knee-jerk reactions that mention of the single currency all too often generates. What are the potential benefits? By reducing an element of instability and removing the risk of competitive devaluations, a single currency could improve the efficiency of the single market. By providing an exchange rate certainty that, alas, the ERM did not deliver, a single currency could lead to stronger trade and investment links to the benefit of all. Monetary union could — and I emphasise could — secure low inflation and lower and more stable interest rates over the medium term. We could all benefit from being part of a Europe-wide low-inflation zone. And, of course, a single currency within Europe would reduce the costs that businesses and tourists face every time they exchange money.

Of course, the adoption of a single currency would not be without its risks. An ill-thought-out, ill-conceived monetary union would do Europe harm. I entirely understand those who say that after the unhappy experience of our participation in the ERM they will need some persuading that a single currency is either feasible or desirable. The potential pitfalls of a single currency are well known. As the Prime Minister said last Friday: unless the economic conditions were right, a single currency would tear the European Union apart.

A single currency would not work unless the participating European economies were marching as one. The conditions for convergence of the European Union economies are unlikely to be in place for some time. The Maastricht treaty laid down guidelines for government debt, the budget deficit, inflation and long-term interest rates, which would certainly need to be satisfied before a single currency could be established. At the end of last year, at Essen, the forecasts predicted that by the end of 1996, the date from which a single currency could first be introduced, only Britain, Germany and Luxembourg seemed likely to satisfy these criteria. That is why I said about a year ago and have said several times since that there is not a snowball's chance in Hades of Europe embarking successfully on economic and monetary union in 1997.

It would be folly for us to decide firmly now one way or the other simply in response to the short-term political pressures of today. As the Prime Minister said last week, "to say yes or no now is to operate on hunch not facts". That is why we opted at Maastricht to keep an open choice on whether or not we would decide to join EMU. We did so because we know that we must never again repeat the mistake of deciding to join in European policies late in the day after we had let the others write the rules. We also opted to play a full part in the work on EMU in order to influence that work before we exercised that choice.

The time has come for a sensible and an informed debate on these and many other serious issues. There are some in Europe who seem willing to disregard economic logic in a headlong dash for monetary union. For them, monetary union is the necessary impetus to full political union. But the havoc that would result from a precipitous and badly prepared move to a single currency would undermine the political unity that the enthusiasts for a deeper political union are seeking. At the other end of the spectrum are those who see any move to a single currency as an unacceptable undermining of this country's sovereignty that should be resisted at any cost.

Both these views are far too simplistic. They both assume that monetary union is a gigantic step towards political union. For some that is seen as desirable. For others not so.

It is quite possible to have monetary union without political union. It is a mistake to believe that monetary union need be a huge step on the path to a federal Europe. The Austrian Schilling has been fixed against the Deutschemark for thirteen years and Dutch short-term interest rates have not diverged from German rates by more than 0.8 per cent in 8 years. Yet nobody would deny that Austria and The Netherlands are sovereign states. Britain and Ireland enjoyed a de facto monetary union for 50 years after Irish independence.

We must not allow the decision on whether or not to participate in a single currency to be clouded by political dogma. Any decision must be based on a hard-headed assessment of British national self-interest in terms of jobs, capital investment and our ability to sell our goods and services in world markets.

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KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT EMU

What is Economic and Monetary Union? The proposal implies complete freedom of movement for people, goods, services and capital, irrevocably fixed exchange rates between the national currencies of the 15 states, the establishment of a single European central bank and a single currency — the ecu.

When might it happen? The final step, on which a decision is due next year, depends on the economic convergence of the participating states. All must be in the Exchange Rate Mechanism, from which Britain withdrew in 1992. Although no date for forming a single currency has been set, the target is 1999.

Can some countries move ahead faster? A hard core of countries such as Germany, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Austria and Ireland are eager to move ahead. There is talk of a two or three-tier EMU, with poorer or reluctanit countries such as Greece and Britain joining later.

What would happen to sterling after EMU? It would continue to be used, but would have a fixed ecu value.

Is British business in favour? Opinion is divided. The Confederation of British Industry is against closing the door on EMU, pointing out that 53 per cent of exports go to the EU, while the Institute of Directors has pointed to difficulties for small business. The City is also split.

SPEAKING OF A SINGLE CURRENCY...

Kenneth Clarke, June 29, 1994: "I have always been a supporter of economic and monetary union."

Clarke, Feb 2, 1995: "The British are not committed. It's a two way choice. It's a choice that I hope we'll exercise sensibly."

Michael Heseltine, Feb 5, 1995: "I don't know whether there will be a single currency ... all I know that there is work going on all the time ... The only question for Britain is whether we take part in that work, and of course there is only one answer — we take part because if we don't the Germans and the French will design arrangements in their interests and not ours."

John Major, early 1994: "My instincts are not in favour of it ... I can conceive circumstances a long time in the distance where it may conceivably be in our economic interests ... I do not believe these circumstances will apply for a very long time, certainly not this side of the turn of the century or probably a long time after."

Major, Jan 8, 1995: "If other people decided to go ahead in 1996 to 1997 with a single currency, I would not advise the British Parliament to follow them."

Major, Feb 3, 1995: "We cannot accept that sterling should be part of a single currency in 1996 or 1997."

Major, Feb 7, 1995: "As far as a single currency later this year is concerned we would require all the specific Maastricht criteria to be met. In addition, we would require other criteria to be met."

Jonathan Aitken, Feb 5, 1995: "I don't want to see a single currency, period."

Michael Portillo, May 1, 1994: "A [single currency] would mean giving up the government of the UK. No British government can give up the government of the UK. That's impossible."

Chancellor's view of European union reinforces party division

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Kenneth Clarke wants Britain to be in a position to enter a European single currency at the end of the century. That is the implicit aim of his economic policies and the explicit theme of his speech last night to the European Movement. Ostensibly, his purpose was to put forward a policy which could unify the Tory party. But his speech was a strong restatement of the pro-European case. It was a world away from the language used by the Cabinet sceptics.

The current manoeuvring is all about closing off and keeping open options. A month ago, John Major ruled out both British involvement in a single currency in 1996-97 and the necessary preparatory actions. Hard-core sceptics would like a Tory manifesto pledge against joining a single currency in the next Parliament. The pro-Europeans are determined to prevent that. They want to preserve the Maastricht treaty opt-out and leave the decision to Parliament at a later date by which time they hope that the economic and political pressures will have tilted in favour of joining.

The "keep calm" group, headed by Douglas Hurd, argues that this is not an immediate question since very few countries, if any, will have fulfilled the treaty conditions for economic convergence by 1996-97. Hence, in the Foreign Secretary's characteristic words: "To say either yes or no now to the option which might occur in, say, 1999 would be quixotic and unnecessary." The Tory party is not in such a rational mood. Mr Major last Friday put a sceptical gloss on the "open question" approach by saying that the Maastricht criteria are "a necessary but not a sufficient condition to justify a single currency".

Mr Clarke interpreted the agreed formula in a pro-European direction. His language may have been slightly more cautious than a year ago, but his intent was clear. He was less concerned to erect new hurdles to Britain's participation than to ensure that monetary union is created in such a way as to be successful. So Britain should be involved in designing how the European central bank should operate, not least to avoid the problems since 1973 when Britain has sought to reform a Common Agricultural Policy designed to suit French and Italian interests.

Mr Clarke did not add new conditions. Rather he pointed out that the nominal guidelines for government debt, budget deficits, inflation rates and long-term interest rates are only part of the answer. In particular, he argued that countries with inflexible labour markets would be poor candidates since they would face higher unemployment and demand increased spending financed by transfers from rich countries.

The implication is that Greece and other Mediterranean countries should be outside any monetary union even in the unlikely prospect that they fulfilled the financial guidelines. By contrast, Britain, or so ministers claim, has the most flexible labour markets in Europe. So, on Mr Clarke's argument, Britain should be able to fulfil both the financial and the broader labour market criteria for participation in a northern European dominated monetary union.

But, crucially, Mr Clarke disputed the sceptics' view that monetary union would mean an unacceptable surrender of sovereignty and mean political union. Mr Major has also raised these worries. But Mr Clarke argued that "it is a mistake to believe that monetary union need be a huge step on the path to a Federal Europe". Accepting that some pooling of sovereignty was involved, as in other aspects of the European Union, he said that "like the French and the Germans, we should have the self-confidence in ourselves to believe that European politics does not threaten our national identity".

Mr Clarke believes that there are neither insuperable economic nor fundamental political objections to British involvement in a single currency. He was deliberately silent on whether there should be a referendum on monetary union, which he still opposes, though even Mr Hurd has accepted it as a possibility. Mr Clarke's speech will not produce even a short-term truce in the Tory battle on Europe.

BY PETER RIDDELL



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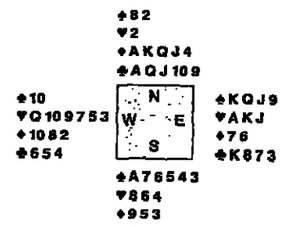
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer East — **North-South game**



W	N	E	S
—	—	1NT (1)	Pass
2♠ (2)	Dble (3)	2♠ (4)	3♠
Pass	5♦	Dble	All pass

Contract: Five Diamonds Doubled, by South. Opening lead: ♠10

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

(1) 15-17
(2) Transfer bid, showing any strength of hand with at least five hearts
(3) North's double showed an opening bid with diamonds
(4) Two Spades showed a maximum 1NT with a heart fit and spade values.

When Terence Reese was playing backgammon and we all gathered round to scoff, he would silence us with "watch and wonder". Today's deal, from the Romanian National Teams Championship, is a "watch and wonder" hand. The declarer was Imre Paul. It is easy to see that declarer has ten tricks but where is the eleventh to come from?

Declarer won the spade lead with the ace. He played a club to the ace and then the queen of clubs. If East covers, declarer ruffs and has his eleven tricks, so East ducked as declarer discarded a heart. Now the jack of clubs, also ducked as declarer discarded a second heart; and finally the ten of clubs which East had to cover and on which declarer discarded his last heart. He later ruffed dummy's singleton two of hearts in hand for his eleventh trick.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

In the balance

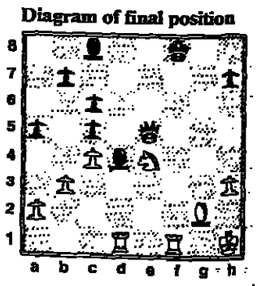
Previous games between Valery Salov and Gata Kamsky indicate that their playing strengths are roughly level. Additionally, both men have been extremely successful in the past year. The following entertaining draw shows them fighting each other to a standstill with a sequence of neat tactics.

White: Salov
Black: Kamsky
Linares 1993

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6	22	gxd5	Bc8
2	c4	g6	23	Ne6	Nxe6
3	Nf3	Bg7	24	bxe6	Rxe6
4	g3	0-0	25	Qf2	Bg7
5	Bg2	d6	26	f5	Rf8
6	0-0	Nbd7	27	bxe6	Rd2
7	Nc3	e5	28	Bxc5	dxc5
8	e4	c6	29	e7	Rf8
9	b3	Re8	30	exf8Q+	Kxf8
10	h3	exd4	31	Ne4	Bd4+
11	Nxd4	Nc5	32	Kh1	Qe5
12	Re1	a5	33	Rf1+	draw agreed
13	Bf4	Nh5			
14	Be3	Bd7			
15	Qc2	Qc7			
16	Rad1	Rad8			
17	Bg5	f6			
18	Be3	Bf8			
19	g4	Ng7			
20	f4	f5			
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Diagram of final position



☐ Kamsky has seized what appears to be a decisive lead against Salov in the semi-finals of the FIDE matches in Sanghi Nagar, India. Kamsky overwhelmed Salov in 35 moves yesterday to take a 2½-½ lead. In the other semi-final Anatoly Karpov suffered a setback, losing to Gelfand in 45 moves. Gelfand now leads 2-1.

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Public sector pay: Government refusal to fund rises causes alarm among teachers and nurses

School governors fear increase in class sizes

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

MINISTERS yesterday confirmed their hard line on teachers' pay, refusing extra help to fund a 2.7 per cent increase to be paid in April.

School governors and head teachers predicted that the decision would lead to a sharp rise in class sizes and the loss of thousands of teaching posts. But Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said the money could be found within existing budgets.

The School Teachers' Review Body, whose main recommendations were accepted by the Government in full, acknowledged that the increase could "put pressure on staffing levels". However, its report said that the position

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was too complex to justify further restraint on teachers' pay levels.

Although the review body found no immediate cause for concern in the recruitment and retention of teachers, it added: "There are initial signs of an improvement in the prospects for graduates, and teachers' pay must be at levels to ensure that the profession continues to attract and retain its share of good-quality candidates."

The rise will produce a starting salary of £11,883 for the lowest-paid qualified teacher, and a maximum for classroom staff in the largest comprehensives of £32,169. For the first time, unqualified staff will earn a minimum of £10,000.

The new 51-point scale for head teachers will run from £23,676 in the smallest primary schools to a maximum of £53,599. Although heads and their deputies will receive the same percentage rise as their staff, the review body encouraged governors to move towards performance-related pay in the allocation of extra money.

Almost three-quarters of classroom teachers will earn between £20,000 and £26,000 after the award comes into effect. The review body expressed the hope that "excellent teachers" would progress further up the scale through the implementation of underused incentives.

A survey of teachers' workloads published in the report showed an average 49-hour week among classroom staff in primary and secondary schools. Head teachers worked an average of 61 hours a week in secondary schools and 55 hours in primaries.

The review body opposed statutory constraints on teachers' hours or class sizes. But the report said the Department of Education should monitor the situation because there were "possible grounds for concern about the increasing pressure on school resources and the possible implications for teachers' workloads, their morale and motivation, and the quality of education they are able to provide".

Mrs Shephard said: "This is a fair settlement for teachers. As the review body says, it reflects the need to recruit and retain good-quality teachers and it reflects teachers' central role in the efforts to raise the quality of what is achieved by schools."

However, teachers' unions were critical both of the size of the increase and the absence of extra resources to pay for it. David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "The award of 2.7 per cent is hardly enough to recruit, retain and motivate teachers when overall salary settlements across the private and public sectors are in excess of this figure."

Doug McAvoy, the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, contrasted the increase with the increases offered to entrants to the top echelons of the Civil Service. "The Prime Minister claims to want a classless society but awards small increases to those earning less, and dangles high salaries to those coming in at the top," he said.

Mrs Shephard also accepted the review body's recommendation that governing bodies should be able to reward teachers for in-service training undertaken at weekends and in school holidays. She has repeatedly identified training as a pragmatic way of helping to lift educational standards.

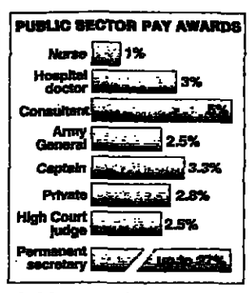
The most significant clash between ministers and the review body is over the question of rewarding teachers who help with the initial training of student teachers. Mrs Shephard has insisted that governing bodies be allowed to pay those undertaking such work at their discretion.

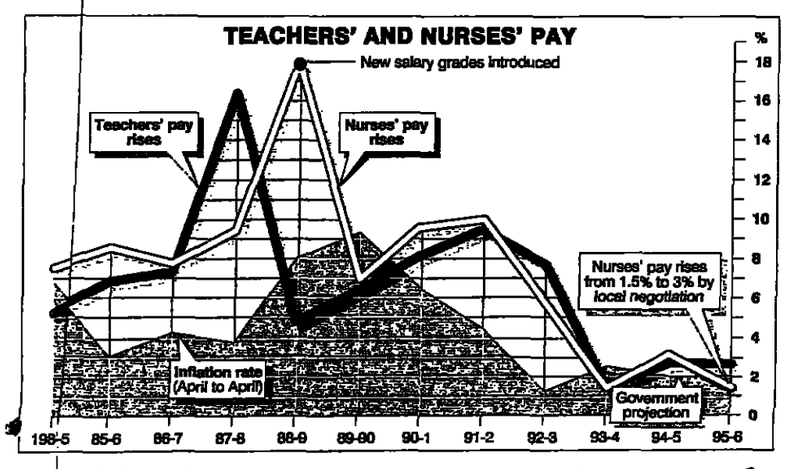
Walter Ulrich, the spokesman for the National Association of Governors and Managers, said the award would produce the worst cuts in schools since local management was introduced. "Governors have been left at the sharp and sticky end of a squeeze which eventually will hit the children," he said.

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Shephard: adhered to Cabinet ministers' hard line on increases in public sector pay







SIMON WALKER

Glennys White: "Where does it leave our self-esteem? I am not a volunteer"

'We are being offered the same money for more work'

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

THE mood in the staff room at Bonner Primary School in east London was one of nervous resignation at news of the teachers' 2.7 per cent pay increase. The prospect of earning a few hundred pounds more next year was overshadowed by concern at the financial implications for the school, its 413 children and teachers' own job security.

The verdict of Martin Tune, the deputy head, was: "The same money to do more work, while we will probably have to lose two out of 18 teachers." Fewer teachers and the same number of children spelled more pressure and stress. Mr Tune, a teacher for 12 years, said the settlement divided his loyalties. As a manager, he wanted any award that was not funded by the Government to be as low as possible so the school could afford it. Personally, he hoped for an increase that amounted to more than treading water.

Lesley Barlow, the head teacher, calculated the economics. The Tower Hamlets school needs an extra £45,000 to keep spending at current levels but expects next year's budget to be cut by more than £30,000. This gap would now widen because the council had assumed pay would increase by only 2 per cent.

Ms Barlow said: "Isn't it awful that I don't want a pay rise if it means that we are going to lose more teachers? We are professional people and we should be earning a professional salary."

Glennys White, a teacher for 25 years, said: "Talk of taking no pay increase plays into the hands of the Government. Where does it leave the profession's self-esteem? I am not a volunteer."

27% takes Whitehall ceiling to £150,000

By Nigel Williamson
Whitehall Correspondent

THE salary of the most senior civil servants could rise to £150,000 under the recommendations of the review body on senior salaries, a potential 27 per cent increase on the present maximum.

The highest-paid civil servant is Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary and head of the Home Civil Service, who at present earns £118,179 a year.

To reduce the gap between top civil servants and senior managers in the private sector, the review body on senior salaries has for the first time recommended a pay range for permanent secretaries, running from £90,000 to £150,000. The previous minimum figure was £87,435. The report makes it clear that no one is likely to jump to the maximum figure

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immediately but that the scale is intended to provide "adequate room for salary progression".

The new pay range, which will come into effect from April 1, covers 29 permanent secretaries. In addition to Sir Robin Butler they include Sir Terry Burns, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, at present on £110,563.

A further 107 civil servants on grade two will find themselves on a range from £67,500 to £98,000 (at present £65,990 to £79,396). The 440 civil servants on grade three will be paid on a range from £55,000 to £82,500 (£52,704 to £64,283).

All rises will be performance-related and will be met from a 2.5 per cent increase in the basic pay bill.

☐ Judges will receive an across-the-board 2.5 per cent rise. The salary of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will go up to to £126,138 and for Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, to £118,179. The pay of High Court judges rises to £98,957 and of senior circuit judges to £85,241. Other circuit judges will receive £72,524 and district judges £59,327.

Efficiency must pay for increase

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

BRITAIN'S 440,000 nurses will receive a 1 per cent pay award nationally and up to 2 per cent more locally.

The April 1 increase will be a significant step in the Government's drive to introduce local pay bargaining throughout the NHS. Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, said that there would be no extra money from the Government and that trust managers would be expected to find the increases through greater efficiency.

"These increases are both fair to staff and affordable for the NHS," she said. The

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health service would receive an additional £1.3 billion in 1995-96, equal to a cash increase of 4.5 per cent. A further 3 per cent could be found from greater efficiency, Mrs Bottomley said. The full 3 per cent would cost up to £330 million in a full year in England.

The Royal College of Nursing told trust managers that nurses would "vote with their feet" and leave the service unless they were given the full 3 percent. Christine Hancock, the college's general secretary, said: "This is not enough. Inflation has gone up, average pay has gone up and there are growing nursing shortages." The college says local pay rises will fragment the service and lead to health ghettoes in inner cities.

Unison, the public service union, condemned the award as an "appalling national scandal". It is calling for 2.5 per cent, the same as for hospital doctors. Bob Abberley, Unison head of health, said: "Nurses have been betrayed by this Government. A 1 per cent increase will give a staff nurse an insulting £2.17 extra a week."

Roy Lilley of the NHS Trust Federation called the award "good news for nurses because it means they can get up to 3 per cent locally. The potential is there and it puts nurses ahead of the game."

A 1 per cent rise will give a Grade D nurse a minimum of £11,435, compared with £11,320. A Grade G nurse will receive a minimum of £17,110 (£16,940) and a first-year nursing student £7,195 (£7,125).

Midwives, who are included, said the deal would lead to job losses and cuts in services. The Royal College of Midwives said that it would consider withdrawing goodwill and changing its policy which prohibits industrial action.

Consultants can earn £100,000

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

HOSPITAL consultants have won up to a 5 per cent rise on a basic salary of around £50,000 under a complex deal designed to boost the attraction of local pay.

The British Medical Association withdrew its threat of industrial action as the Government drew back from imposing local pay on consultants. Instead, it offered up to twice the national rise of 2.5 per cent to consultants if they accepted local terms and conditions in negotiation with their employing NHS trust. The 2.5 per cent basic rise will

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take the highest paid NHS consultant through the £100,000 barrier for the first time. A full-time NHS consultant with an A-plus merit award will earn £102,260 from April 1. A rise of 5 per cent would take their pay to £104,685.

Junior doctors will receive an across-the-board increase of 2.5 per cent plus an increase in overtime rates. For most junior house officers this will mean a rise of £530 to £22,020 for a 56-hour week. GPs will receive a 3 per cent increase to £43,165. Dentists receive 2.5 per cent. The BMA said few consultants were likely to take up the extra 2.5 per cent rise, worth £1,250 to the average consultant, on offer to those who agreed to a local deal.

"Consultants are not going to rush from the protection of national pay and conditions for that. These are people on salaries of £40,000-plus. £1,250 is not much of a carrot," a BMA spokesman said.

Since 1991 NHS trusts have had the freedom to negotiate local contracts with consultants, and pay them any salary they choose, but only 5 per cent of consultants have accepted the contracts. Consultants switching to local contracts forgo their right to future national pay awards. Ministers want to give NHS trusts greater freedom to respond to local shortages or recognise key staff.

The BMA has campaigned for over a year against local pay on the grounds that it would break the NHS up into hundreds of local businesses and damage the NHS's capacity to provide an equal standard of national care. The independent Doctors and Dentists Review Body has recommended the transitional scheme, with up to a 5 per cent rise.

Armed services have 'no complaints'

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

THE 150 most senior officers in the armed services were awarded a 3.2 per cent pay rise which will cost an extra £40,000 on the annual salary bill. The award for generals, admirals and air marshals compares with an average rise of 2.6 per cent for the rest of the services. Service personnel from brigadiers to privates will get between 2.5 per cent and 2.9 per cent, costing an additional £14 million.

The range of salaries now varies between £8,469 for the most junior private to £121,150 for the Chief of the Defence Staff, who is a field marshal. One officer said: "Given the other settlements, we have no complaints." The agreement takes the pay of a brigadier up to £57,736, a major with four years' service to £31,483 and a senior warrant officer to £24,112.

The salary scales for brigadiers and below were set by the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay and the most senior officers' rises were recommended by the Senior Salaries Review Board. Apart from increased pay, the services will receive higher allowances, which will affect parachute pay, length of service increments, separation allowance, the "longer service at sea" bonus and other payments.

The review body paid particular attention to the separation allowance paid to married personnel serving abroad without their families. The allowance is paid after a separation lasting more than 30 days in a year.

In spite of manpower cuts, the services' pay bill is taking an increasing proportion of the defence budget. The Ministry of Defence told the review body that unless sufficient savings were made through efficiency programmes and if the cost of personnel continued to be disproportionate, savings would have to be made elsewhere.

It said that even front line capabilities "could be affected", in spite of a pledge last year from Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, that the current round of cuts would impinge only on support services.

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	1991 £	1992 £	1993 £	1994 £	1995 £
General	83,283	87,618	90,148	95,050	97,430
Brigadier	50,003	52,808	53,600	55,958	57,736
Colonel	42,906	45,315	45,994	48,016	49,494
Lt Col	36,845	38,913	39,497	41,234	42,504
Major	27,424	28,963	29,397	30,572	31,483
Captain	21,404	22,604	22,944	23,699	24,405
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First Briton floats out into the cold 240 miles above Earth

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE first spacewalk by a Briton, and also the first by a black astronaut, was cut short yesterday when both men complained of feeling cold.

Michael Foale and Bernard Harris had emerged into Discovery's cargo bay just after 12.10pm yesterday. Dr Foale's first words, though hardly memorable, had the virtue of being unscripted: "Golly, it's high, isn't it?" he said. "Don't look down," Dr Harris advised.

The two men had been scheduled to stay outside for five hours, testing improvements that have been made to the insulation of space suits, including thicker underwear, to enable astronauts to stay out for long periods constructing a space station.

Sitting on the shuttle's robot arm, they were moved into the darkness of Discovery's shadow, where temperatures fell as low as -125F. Clinging to one another 240 miles above the Earth, they waited motionless to see how cold they would get.

During this test, both men reported cold hands and feet. But it was not until later, when they were manhandling a satellite in the cargo bay, that their fingers got cold enough to worry Mission Control. They were instructed to stop work and start gathering tools and camera gear together. The space walk ended at 4.20pm.



Foale: kitted out for historic space walk

While in the cargo bay the two astronauts had practised space station construction techniques by heaving a satellite to and fro. The Spartan satellite, released by Discovery two days earlier, had been recaptured by the robot arm after the shuttle successfully manoeuvred close to it yesterday morning.

While loose, Spartan had moved as far as 50 miles from Discovery, using a small telescope to observe the gas and dust between the stars. The data gathered will be analysed by scientists after Discovery returns to land at Kennedy Space Centre in Florida tomorrow.

Dr Harris and Dr Foale were waiting in their spacesuits as Discovery sidled up to the satellite and crewmate Janice Voss grabbed it with the robot arm. Dr Harris, one of two blacks among the space agency Nasa's 95 astronauts, was the first black spacewalker, while Dr Foale, who emigrated to America to achieve his ambition to fly in space, was the first British-born spacewalker.

Dr Harris used a handle that looked like a steering wheel to move the boxlike 5ft high satellite side-to-side, up-and-down, and end-over-end. Dr Foale was to have conducted the same tests, but he and Dr Harris were complaining so much about icy fingers that Nasa told them to put Spartan in its berthing platform and get back inside. The shuttle cargo bay also was pointed toward the sun, and both men said they warmed up. "Sounds like we put you in the deep freeze today," Eileen Collins, the Discovery pilot, told them. "It was like putting my fingers in that liquid nitrogen freezer we have (at Nasa)," Dr Foale said.

Apart from Monday, when Discovery made its close approach to the Russian Mir space station, yesterday was the busiest in the eight-day mission.

While the mission has been a success, the two spacewalkers' experiences suggest that Nasa has more to do before astronauts can safely spend long hours in the shade building the space station.



Astronauts Bernard Harris, left, and Michael Foale cling to each other as they float at the end of the robot arm of Discovery yesterday

Greece thwarts EU customs deal with Turkey

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

GREECE yesterday rejected a European Union proposal for a customs union with Turkey, reversing its earlier conditional acceptance and throwing into uncertainty a promise by the Fifteen to open talks with Cyprus on EU membership.

A government spokesman in Athens said after a special cabinet meeting that the Government of Andreas Papandreou believed there was room for improvement in the package. Unless the proposals were enhanced, Athens would continue to oppose the deal.

The Greek announcement appears to scupper the preliminary agreement reached by the 15 Foreign Ministers on Monday which would have lifted the Greek veto on the proposed EU customs union in return for a guarantee that accession talks with Cyprus would begin no later than six months after the inter-governmental conference next year.

The Greek decision will cause consternation among its 14 EU partners. Their patience with Athens has already been stretched over its veto on Mediterranean funds for Turkey, and over its blockade of Macedonia. The decision will also be a bitter disappointment to the Cypriot Government, which welcomed the EU commitment to open talks on accession.

Cypriot diplomats yesterday refused to condemn Greece, but suggested that the decision had more to do with internal Greek politics than any quarrel with the Greek Cypriots. President Karamanlis of Greece is stepping down in April, and the Socialist Government of Mr Papandreou wants a Socialist candidate to succeed him, but cannot be sure of enough votes. The opposition has already taunted the Government for being ready to accept a deal that gives Turkey an advantage without bringing anything to Greece in return. Mr Papandreou needs the votes of opposition MPs, especially those who have taken a more nationalist stance on Macedonia, the former Yugoslav republic, and Cyprus.

An EU customs union would bring tougher competition for many Greek products, especially textiles and fruit. Athens has also made much of recent confrontations with Turkey concerning airspace over the Aegean Sea, and cannot now be seen to offer concessions to Ankara without driving a very hard bargain.

President Clerides of Cyprus said on Tuesday that he welcomed the EU decision as a "very positive step" opening the way for Cyprus's accession to the EU. He spoke of the "close co-operation and co-ordination" between the Greek and Cyprus Governments.

It is unclear now whether the EU will continue to honour its promise to open accession talks late next year or in 1997 if Athens continues to block the customs union. France, which holds the EU presidency and put forward this package, is likely to seek a way of getting round the Greek decision or will propose a new package to satisfy the objections. EU talks with Turkey are due to resume on March 7.

The Greek spokesman said yesterday that Mr Papandreou will send representatives to all EU Governments outlining his objections. They are likely to get a frosty reception, especially from Germany, which is a strong supporter of closer relations with Turkey and backs the proposed package.

Greece also made it clear that it objected to the "negative climate" of Monday's meeting, which clearly blamed it for the present impasse. Yesterday's decision, however, will do nothing to win understanding from the other partners for the Greek point of view.

Before the Greek announcement, Turkey also made clear its unhappiness with the package, saying that the admission of south Cyprus to the EU before a fair and lasting settlement would create "very serious obstacles in the way of a solution". Murat Karayalcin, the Foreign Minister, said the EU application by the Cypriot Government disregarded the Turkish community.

On a visit to northern Cyprus, Mr Karayalcin tried to quell fears that Ankara was making big concessions to Greece on Cyprus, saying that there was no change in Turkey's policy.

Conscription ends as Belgian armed forces are slashed

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

IN THE European dash to cash in the peace dividend offered by the end of the Cold War, no country has gone as far so fast as Belgium: the Government here passed a milestone yesterday by announcing the end of conscription.

Five years after the Soviet bloc and its Warsaw Pact alliance began falling apart, Nato's 16 members wrangle in public about Chechenia and Bosnia while quietly slimming their armies, air forces and navies. Belgium has put its military on the strictest diet seen throughout the alliance. From 106,000 men in uniform in 1990, the Belgian Government wants to cut that by more than half to 47,000 by the end of 1997.

After a cabinet meeting yesterday, the Defence Ministry announced that 816 conscripts currently enlisted would now be told to go home by the end of the month. Seven thousand relieved young people on the call-up list will be told that their services are no longer required. Five years ago, Belgium had 35,000 *miliciens* on compulsory national service and has relied on conscription for 86 years.

The dismantling of much of the Belgian military reflects a wider but less drastic shrinkage in all the states which built up huge armies during the Cold War. Belgium's defence budget has been reduced by 25 per cent in the past two years alone. Only Germany has cut its defence spending more sharply.

Belgium may have refused to sell ammunition to Britain during the Gulf War, but has been selling a great deal else in order to raise money for new equipment. Karel Pinxten, the Defence Minister, has recently been searching for money to replace the mortars issued to Belgium's parachute commandos which, he said, were 50 years old.

☐ **Waterloo remembered:** Soldiers from ten nations will re-enact the Battle of Waterloo on June 18 to mark the 180th anniversary of Napoleon's defeat by Britain and its allies, the organisers said. *(Reuter)*



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Italians scorn suggestions that pasta might cause obesity

Italian blood boils over snub to pasta

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

ITALIANS were incandescent yesterday after an American report questioned the virtues of eating pasta in what the media described as a "nationalistic campaign" against the Mediterranean diet.

"This is simply paradoxical," said Professor Eugenio Del Toma, the president of the Italian Association of Dietetics. "There are physiological rules that cannot be subverted. It seems impossible to me that the Americans are the ones saying such things. They were the ones who in the Sixties carried out excellent studies on the Mediterranean diet."

The fuss started after American scientists, who once preached the virtue of a low-fat, high-carbohydrate diet ruled that pasta can, after all, make you fat — and it's not just the sauce.

"Basta to Pasta," *The New York Times* declared after a front-page article pronounced that starchy foods were "the enemy again". The Rome newspaper *Il Messaggero* said that the report would make Americans think that pasta was "like a Mediterranean lover — very sensual but so very treacherous".

Ever since fatty food was put on the watch-list a decade ago, dieters have complained that they still gain weight when they switch to a low-fat regime rich with simple carbohydrates like pasta. Scientists say that recent research into the role of the hormone insulin suggests that simple carbohydrates may be causing weight gain.

Insulin processes sugar and starch, stimulating the liver to convert excess glucose into fat. The more insulin you produce, the more likely it is that you will convert dietary calories into fat. But about a quarter of Americans are "insulin resistant", meaning that they respond to sugar and starch by overproducing glucose, which then causes an overproduction of insulin and a resulting increase in fat.

Insulin resistance used to help people get through lean times by increasing the storage of energy as fat in times of plenty. But in today's world of excess, insulin resistance can cause steady weight gain.

Many dieticians now believe that the solution is a move away from simple carbohydrates like pasta towards a diet rich in complex carbohydrates like vegetables.

Dr Barry Sears, a researcher whose insulin-related diet tips helped Stanford University's swimming team win the college championship, has developed a regime that is higher in protein and lower in starch than is now common for sportsmen. The goal is to put people at peak performance.

Linda Carelli of Weight Watchers International, whose husband is an Italian-American, preaches old-fashioned common sense. "Pasta is a wonderful food. It's a question of over-indulgence."

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In more traditional vein, you could hear the LSO's performance of Tippett's *The Mask of Time* on February 26. Sir Colin Davis conducts the orchestra with the London Symphony Chorus. A full list of concerts available in London was printed on Tuesday and a regional listing will be printed next Tuesday.

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Copyright pirates will take years to defeat, China says

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

CHINA argued yesterday that the United States had set exorbitant and unreasonable conditions in trying to curb intellectual property piracy here.

It also questioned whether it was realistic for the Americans to demand that Peking achieve in a few days what it had taken Western countries decades or even centuries to do.

"It is unrealistic to ask China to change from a developing country into a highly developed country like the United States overnight," Chen Jian, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said at a weekly news briefing. He was questioned on the last-gasp resumption of intellectual property rights talks here next week before Washington's trade sanctions go into effect on February 26.

The Chinese have projected themselves as more sinned against than sinning in the piracy dispute. Last night, in a new twist, they were even claiming that Chinese computers were under attack from an American computer virus programmed to destroy data and disable whole systems in April, according to the official Xinhua news agency. The Americans have called for the closure of 29 factories allegedly infringing copyrights, trade marks and patents by pirating millions of CDs and computer software in southern Canton province.

Washington has warned that it will impose 100 per cent punitive tariffs on more than $1 billion (£645 million) worth of Chinese exports if no agreement is reached by the deadline. The Chinese have warned of equal counter-measures against American joint venture projects.

Diplomats say the Chinese Government will have great difficulty closing such factories because many are owned by families related to government and party leaders, or army units and provincial officials. Chinese officials are also unable to be seen publicly to be giving in to foreign demands in the tense time as the health of Deng Xiaoping, 90, China's senior leader, continues to deteriorate.

Most envoys here believe that the leadership to follow Mr Deng is likely to veer at least somewhat towards the left, and fall back on the not very successful state sector of the economy, which still comprises 40 per cent of the total. "Otherwise there will be no economic foundation for the continued rule of the Chinese Communist Party," one envoy said.

In any case, diplomats and foreign businessmen say at the heart of the problem is not pirated CDs or computer software, which remained openly on sale on the streets of Peking yesterday. "CDs would not be worth provoking a trade war over," one foreign commercial attaché said.

They said the real issue was the next generation of pirated goods: computer hardware such as laptops and mainframes, work stations, power equipment, generators and nuclear power stations.

Outside the Guiyou department store in central Peking yesterday, most shoppers said they appreciated being able to buy cheap CDs but agreed that if they wrote a book or designed a dress they would resent others profiting by it.

"It will be difficult for us if prices go up five or six times but it cannot be helped" — it is the price of joining international society," said Mr Guo, aged 58, a worker. "But if you invent something it belongs to you."

☐ **Hong Kong:** China last night backed away from the charge in Hong Kong's leading Peking-backed newspaper that foreign sabotage caused the explosion of a Chinese-launched satellite on January 26 (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

In a rare example of official repudiation of the controlled press, a spokesman said that the Foreign Ministry took no responsibility for the allegations in *Ta Kong Pao* that foreign firms, fearing Chinese intrusion into the profitable space business, may have brought the rocket down with an electronic signal.



Indian women queue up to vote in Nagpur as the city went to the polls yesterday

Clash over warships

BY JAMES PRINGLE

CHINA denied last night that it had sent warships to part of the Spratly Islands archipelago claimed by the Philippines. Peking said it had not detained any Filipino fishermen in the archipelago in the South China Sea.

Chen Jian, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said: "Chinese local fishing authorities had built shelter facilities on the reef in question with the purpose of protecting lives and production safety of fishermen in waters around the islands."

In Manila, the Government released pictures yesterday showing Chinese vessels and Chinese-built structures on the islands. Renato de Villa, the defence chief, said the photographs confirmed the Chinese flag flying over four structures.

New York bomb suspect held

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE two-year manhunt for the alleged mastermind of the World Trade Centre bombing ended yesterday when an Iraqi was brought before a court in New York after being held in Pakistan.

Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, 27, was said to have had explosives hidden inside toy cars in his suitcase when he was arrested at the Holiday Inn in Islamabad. He denies 11 charges arising from the terrorist attack on the 110-storey twin towers in Manhattan in 1993 which killed six people and injured more than 1,000.

Four Muslim fundamentalists have been convicted for the bombing and 12 others are on trial in New York for a related conspiracy to launch a "day of terror" in New York.

Prosecutors say Mr Yousef flew to Iraq via Pakistan on the night of the bombing. His fingerprints were allegedly found on bomb manuals and containers of chemicals.

The Government offered a $2 million reward for his arrest. Last month two people held in the Philippines for planning to assassinate the Pope implicated Mr Yousef. He fled from the Philippines but was arrested on Tuesday and handed over to America.

Rao reshuffles Cabinet after purge of rivals

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S Prime Minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao, expanded and reshuffled his Cabinet yesterday in an attempt to shore up his authority and reduce mountains of unsigned files that have left the Government in chaos. He held more than a dozen portfolios, including industry, space, defence and rural development, which he assumed from disgruntled ministers who quit or were fired.

The timing of the reshuffle was well planned. Earlier this week, Mr Rao engineered the dismissal from the Congress Party of Arjun Singh, a former Cabinet minister who is challenging him for the leadership, on the grounds of disloyalty to the party. That stopped disappointed ministerial hopefuls joining Mr Singh. In the past two months, five ministers have been sacked or have resigned in corruption scandals, intrigues and personal protests.

Mr Rao was reluctant to expand his Cabinet even after Mr Singh's expulsion, fearing that it could upset more people than it satisfied. But he is believed to have been persuaded to do so by President Sharma to reduce his workload and clear some of the backlog of unsigned documents. Mr Rao, 73, has had heart bypass surgery and has made a number of secret visits to hospitals in recent months.

With a general election a year away and crucial elections under way in six states, his political future is uncertain. The results of the state polls will be announced simultaneously next month, and serious defeats could embolden Mr Singh to relaunch his challenge. The most important state going to the polls is Maharashtra, of which Bombay is the capital. Congress has been defeated there only once, in 1978, and its loss would be particularly damaging to Mr Rao's standing.

Mr Singh's allies claims the support of Sonia Gandhi, the reclusive widow of Rajiv Gandhi, the assassinated Prime Minister. She wields substantial political power as unofficial guardian of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty and reportedly is dismayed by the party's decline under Mr Rao's stewardship. Her daughter, Priyanka, 22, could doubtless claim the party leadership one day if she decided on a political career.

Mrs Gandhi is unhappy that Mr Rao has failed to stop speculation about which senior politicians or their families received back-handers in a scandal involving the Swedish arms manufacturer, Bofors. And she is angry that he has failed to punish those she considers responsible for leaving her husband with inadequate security. Mr Singh has ingratiated himself with her by demanding action against Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the former Prime Minister, who authorised reduced security cover for Rajiv Gandhi. Gandhi was killed by a suicide bomber in southern India in 1991.

The Cabinet now has five new members — still short of a full quota. The new entrants include Ajit Singh, who left the rival Janata Dal (People's Party) in 1993 and allied himself with Mr Rao. He will help the Prime Minister's standing among the powerful Jat community in Uttar Pradesh. The appointment of Madhavrao Scindia, whose family were formerly the princely rulers of Gwalior, will counter the influence of Arjun Singh in his home state of Madhya Pradesh.

For all the mounting despair about Mr Rao's performance, there is still a good chance that he will lead the party into the next election, if only because there are no viable alternatives. He was brought out of retirement as a compromise leader after Mr Gandhi's assassination.

Indians fake tiger figures to cover up their slaughter

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

PROJECT Tiger, the internationally acclaimed programme to save the Royal Bengal tiger from extinction in India, is losing credibility because of officially faked figures designed to cover up continuing slaughter of the animal.

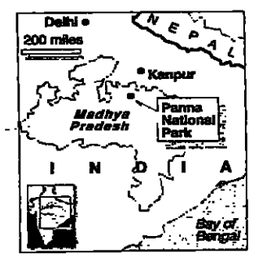
Nobody knows how many tigers are left, but it is almost certainly substantially less than the official tally of 4,300, a number which, if true, would give India more than half the world's tiger population. Some estimates have put the number of Indian tigers at about 2,500.

Billy Arjan Singh, India's leading tiger conservationist, said the tiger population had "crashed". Census authorities inflated estimates of the tiger population to please their superiors in Project Tiger. Despite repeated warnings, international groups continued to accept figures supplied by project officials.

There are 17 wildlife sanctuaries under Project Tiger, almost every one of which is under siege from poachers, neglected for want of funds, untended because of civil unrest or threatened by overgrazing by livestock. Some game wardens are suspected of conniving with poachers.

Panna National Park in the central state of Madhya Pradesh, the latest to be brought into Project Tiger, has an official count of 23 tigers and 17 panthers. Local conservationists and forest guides say, however, that there are 15 tigers at most. Three years ago, the official count was 44. Part of the problem is the inexperience of enumerators who count the same marks several times.

Pravin Kumar Chaudhary, director of the 350-square mile Panna park, said the tigers' habitat was threatened by overgrazing by cattle. Several villages within the park supported 7,000 head of livestock and in the monsoon another 40,000 to 50,000 cattle were driven in by farmers.



Three villages have been forcibly closed and the rest will be closed within five or six years. Families are given 50,000 rupees (£1,015) compensation to leave. It is hoped to increase this to 75,000 rupees. Game wardens will attempt to restrict the number of cattle.

Mr Chaudhary said that the park management had asked for 70 million rupees from Project Tiger to move people out of the park and establish the infrastructure and environment to save the tigers. Cattle owners sometimes poisoned tigers to stop them attacking livestock.

Project Tiger was launched 20 years ago by Indira Gandhi, the late Prime Minister, when the official tiger population was 2,000. Conservationists estimate that at least 800 have been killed in the past five years.

With aid from the United Nations Development Programme, the Government has opened a Tiger Crisis Cell to work with intelligence agencies to combat poaching. The biggest threat, however, is the destruction of habitat for agriculture and grazing.



Almost all the tiger sanctuaries are under siege from poachers or threatened by overgrazing from livestock

Korean nuclear pact in danger

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE agreement with America for North Korea to freeze its nuclear weapons programme was in danger of breaking down yesterday.

Officials in Washington said they were prepared to back out of the accord reached last October if the North Koreans refused to co-operate with South Korea.

Pyongyang is refusing to resume dialogue with Seoul, one of the agreement's provisions, and is also rejecting two new light-water reactors from South Korea.

Winston Lord, US Assistant Secretary of State for the region, insisted that North Korea reopen high-level talks with South Korea, which were broken off after the death of Kim Il Sung, the North Korean dictator, last July. "We're prepared to lose the whole agreement unless they agree to that in principle," Mr Lord said. He added that North Korea's refusal to accept South Korean reactors would also be a "deal-breaker".

North Korea yesterday reiterated its rejection of a north-south dialogue. A statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency said it was "preposterous" to try to equate implementing the agreement with talks between the two Koreas. Pyongyang also demanded that America pay up to $1 billion (£645 million) more than was in the agreement to prop up their decrepit power grid, an idea Washington dismissed.

According to the agreement, North Korea was to halt all activity at an antiquated graphite reactor, suspected of producing plutonium for one or two nuclear weapons, and to suspend construction of two more graphite reactors.

In exchange, Pyongyang would receive two efficient light-water reactors from which weapons-grade plutonium is more difficult to extract. A private, American-led consortium is underwriting the project, with South Korea and Japan bearing 80 per cent of the cost of $4 billion. American negotiators say it was made quite clear to the North Koreans that South Korea would supply the reactors, although the agreement does not say so. Washington believes that Pyongyang is in a last-ditch pique over having to accept South Korean reactors.

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Pretoria refuses to send troops for UN's Angola force

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG AND SAM KILEY

THE South African Government said yesterday that it would not send troops to Angola as part of the United Nations peacekeeping force.

However, South African soldiers might help to remove mines, or provide logistical support to members of the UN force from Botswana or Zimbabwe.

Troops were sent by the apartheid administration to fight in the war against the Cuban-backed government forces in Angola, and Luanda has been unwilling to have them back, even since President Mandela's election victory. Some South Africans soldiers have, however, returned to help train Angolans in the techniques of lifting mines.

Alexandra Rodrigues, the Angolan Ambassador to Pretoria, yesterday met Mr Mandela and received an offer of help to find an estimated 26 million mines in the country. "We discussed sending soldiers to help in the demining process. We will decide how many soldiers will go next week," Mr Rodrigues said.

The UN Security Council has authorised a 7,000-member peacekeeping force for Angola in a second effort to end Africa's longest-running civil war. The vote on Wednesday was unanimous and Brazil, Uruguay, Romania, India, Pakistan and Zimbabwe have offered infantry for the task. About 500 British troops may help with logistics.

At least 500,000 Angolans have been killed since independence from Portugal in 1975, perhaps a third of them since the UN-sponsored elections collapsed in 1991 and the civil war resumed. Very few rebel Unita troops, and only slightly more government soldiers, had been demobilised before the election. Both sides hid weapons from UN observers, who did not have the mandate to guard or destroy armouries. Violations of the ceasefire agreements were seldom publicised by the UN for fear of derailing the whole process.

Now, the UN has a tougher mandate, for peacekeeping rather than observing. Both sides can be expected to continue trying to cheat, just in case they decide to go back to war. The success of their new mission will depend largely on the UN's ability to forget about its failure in Somalia. The images of dead American soldiers being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu and the memory of more than 130 peacekeepers who have died in Somalia since 1992, have become a pressing concern among UN military planners in New York.

> "Both sides can be expected to continue trying to cheat, just in case they decide to go back to war"

The Security Council's resolution approves 6,450 infantry troops, 265 military staff, 350 military observers, 260 civilian police, 65 mine-clearing experts and at least 100 civilian staff. The mission is expected to be in Angola for a maximum of two years at an annual cost of $383 million (£243 million).

However, the bulk of the forces will not be deployed until government troops and Unita forces disengage and "quartering areas" are designated for the rebel. Under an accord signed last November in Zambia, Unita fighters not destined for integration into the national army are to be demobilised; some are to be recruited in a police force.

The pivotal figure to the success or failure of the peace agreement is Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader. This week, the rebel movement held its first congress since 1990 in Bailundo, central Angola, and Dr Savimbi made a rare public appearance. "I do not think I am moved by the ambition of being President provided . . . I can play my role where I feel used and where I feel useful," he said.

"Everything has its time and its ways. If Jose Eduardo dos Santos is President now, we accept him as such provided he governs the country as we Angolans want, because we fought for this country. If he wants to fight us, then we do not think that he is the President we deserve," Dr Savimbi said.

If the UN can apply a tough and even hand during the demobilisation of Unita and its integration with the government forces, the blue helmets may have some chance of success in defusing the distrust between the two sides.

But the 7,000 peacekeepers face a daunting task. They will have to police an area the size of Britain, France and Spain. Angola is perhaps the most heavily mined country in the world, with an average of 2.5 mines for each of the ten million population. Few roads are passable because of the mines and the UN soldiers will need a huge fleet of aircraft for transport, although there are have not yet been any international pledges to cover this need. The UN will also find it difficult to control arms shipments along Angola's Atlantic coast, and its porous border with Zaire.

Angolan government forces and Unita rebels have begun their military disengagement. General Chris Garuba, who is leading the UN military operation, said yesterday in Luanda. Government and Unita troops have started pulling back from confrontation lines at Huambo in the centre and Uije in the north, under the terms of the ceasefire.



Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader, in a rare public appearance in Angola this week

Rabin and Arafat fail to break peace impasse

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

A SUMMIT attempt to revive the ailing Middle East peace process failed yesterday when Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister, held their most acrimonious meeting since the outline accord was signed in Washington 17 months ago.

Officials on both sides said that the two men failed during more than two hours of talks to resolve any of the main disagreements holding up implementation of a process which is rapidly losing credibility among Israelis and Arabs. The only agreement was to meet again next week at the same location, a heavily-guarded base on the frontier between Israel and the newly-autonomous Gaza Strip.

The threat to the peace process posed by Palestinian extremists determined to sabotage the talks was underlined shortly before the meeting when a bomb exploded close to the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in Gaza; a second booby-trapped device was dismantled. The attack, in which no one was injured, took place only miles from the spot on Monday where an Israeli civilian guard was killed and another wounded.

The main sticking points were Israel's insistence that the PLO impose tougher security measures against Islamic militants and other radicals in Gaza, and Mr Arafat's demand for an immediate end to Jewish settlement building and to the border closure which has kept 60,000 Palestinians from work in Israel for nearly three weeks. The Israeli Government attempted to play down the seriousness of the impasse but the PLO was in no doubt about the dangers facing a process which is marked by deepening distrust on both sides.

"I think there is a crisis, a real crisis", Yassir Abed-Rabbo, the influential Palestinian Information Minister, said. "There are two tendencies and two approaches."

Uri Dromi, chief spokesman of the Israeli Government, expressed scepticism about PLO claims to have clamped down on Palestinian extremists who have killed 55 Jews since last October and prompted a large number of Israelis to question the worth of continuing with the experiment which only two months ago won the leading figures the Nobel Peace Prize. Mr Dromi claimed that suspects detained by the Palestinian police had soon been released again. "The big problem is lack of resolve to deal with terrorism," he added.

Palestinian disillusionment with Israel's reluctance to move ahead to the next phase of the peace process — troop withdrawal from the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Palestinian elections — has increased because yesterday's summit followed a 48-hour security clampdown in which the Palestinian police arrested about 100 radicals in Gaza and ordered the setting up of an Egyptian-style military court to try those accused of security offences.

Yossi Sarid, Israel's Environment Minister and one of those attending yesterday's meeting, admitted that the atmosphere had been unhappy. "We had great difficulties and differences," said the minister, regarded as one of the leading doves in Israel's centre-left Cabinet. "The commitment of the Government is first and foremost to the safety of the citizens of Israel. Our national security interests come before anything else."

The failure of the summit encouraged right-wing opposition parties in Israel, which are commited to scrapping the peace deal with the PLO if they return to power in the election next year. Since the recent wave of Islamic suicide attacks, opinion polls have shown the main Likud opposition grouping as heading for a landslide victory.



Rabin: wants to see militants curbed

White South Africans struggle for jobs

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

A BUSINESS science graduate made national headlines here last night when, in desperation, he tied his CV and a job application to a homing pigeon and dispatched the bird to a Cape Town retail company. Intrigued by his novel approach, the company granted him an interview.

The story speaks volumes about white jobseekers in the new South Africa. Adrian Clayton, 24, had spent several months trying to get an interview. He noted gloomily: "For the first time in my life, my colour is working against me."

Affirmative action programmes have led to such a demand for black recruits that once-privileged white graduates are struggling to find work. So quickly is the picture changing that many white-controlled companies will not even interview whites with first-class qualifications, saying they are only looking for black recruits. A survey last month disclosed that 87 per cent of companies have implemented such programmes.

Thrust upon a weak economy, affirmative action is turning the white job market upside down. "When my father graduated in the 1960s the doors were open," said Vanessa Valkin, 22, a psychology masters graduate from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. "Now you have to be black to get through the doors."

Worst hit are white males, particularly Afrikaans speakers who traditionally found sheltered employment in the public sector.

Andrew Swart, a careers consultant at the University of the Witwatersrand, said only 10 to 15 per cent of white graduates are finding work through university channels. There has been a shift from the public sector towards full-time or part-time work in the private sector.

Professor Deon van der Merwe, of the Rand Afrikaans University, said: "We advise students to obtain skills that will allow them to be their own boss."

The perception that the African National Congress is trying to swap one race group for another, allowing blacks with inferior academic records to be shoehorned through higher education and into well-paid jobs, is breeding insecurity and resentment.

Returning this week for the start of the academic year, black and white students clashed in Johannesburg and Bloemfontein. "A lot of white students were saying this is racism in reverse and they are angry," Ms Valkin said.

There is no easy answer. Black South Africans make up 75 per cent of the 40 million population but less than 2 per cent of managers are black. What is clear is that imagination and hard work are essential for any young white South African. Some will emigrate but the overwhelming majority seem to accept that there must be a shift in emphasis after the apartheid years.

Nigeria civil servants take over ministries

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN LAGOS

SENIOR civil servants yesterday took over the running of Nigeria's federal ministries after the military junta dissolved the executive Government, a source said here.

The ministries are to be run by their directors-general in place of ministers in the Federal Executive Council, which was abolished by General Sani Abacha's regime on Wednesday.

Announcing the dissolution in the capital, Abuja, Oladipo Diya, General Abacha's deputy, said the aim was to allow ministers time to participate in the associations that are forming in anticipation of political activity being legalised.

The junta, which seized power in November 1993, then scrapped all political institutions. However, it vowed eventually to restore democratic civilian rule.

General Diya said that in view of the formation of new political groups it would be "unfair" to ministers who "we have called on board to allow them to be marginalised by these political associations". Some ministers had indicated their intention to leave and General Abacha had commended their "vision and spirit of nationalism", having agreed to serve at "the time the nation was almost sinking".

General Abacha had been expected to lift the ban on political parties last month.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Italian is killed in Somalia

Mogadishu: An Italian cameraman was killed and four people wounded in separate attacks in Somalia as supporters of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the warlord, protested against the American-led evacuation of United Nations troops.

Marcello Palmisano was shot dead in an ambush yesterday and an Italian woman and three Somalis were hurt when their car was fired on. About 2,500 US Marines are expected to assist the departing UN peacekeeping forces. *(Reuter)*

Asylum denied

Canberra: Australia's Parliament has passed tough new laws denying asylum to hundreds of Asian boat people in detention in the country, bringing them closer to deportation. *(Reuter)*

Minister fired

Khartoum: Hussein Abu Saleh, the Sudanese Foreign Minister, has lost his job in a large-scale Cabinet reshuffle. He has been replaced by Ali Taha, a former Social Planning Minister. *(AFP)*

Officer quits

Johannesburg: Lieutenant-General Johan le Roux, one of four senior South African police officers accused of supplying arms to opponents of the African National Congress, is to retire early. *(AFP)*

Rebel is ill

Geneva: Abassi Madani, head of Algeria's banned Islamic Salvation Front, is in hospital and his deputy, Ali Belhaj, under house arrest at a new location, Algeria's Foreign Minister said. *(AFP)*

Ghost busters

Harare: Police used teargas to disperse a crowd of 1,000 gathered outside a house hoping to see the ghost of a woman knitting — burglars had told a maid they had seen it to scare her off. *(AFP)*

Israelis jail soldier for using cell phone

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE Israeli army, reputedly one of the most modern and technology-conscious in the world, has declared war on the widespread use of cellular phones — known in Hebrew as "miracle phones" — by soldiers on duty.

Yesterday, in what Israel Radio described as the first court martial of its kind, a soldier serving in the air force was sentenced to four days in detention for making a personal call from his mobile phone while guarding his base.

Military sources said that prosecution of the soldier was intended as a deterrent to others who have ignored the recent clampdown which restricts the use of private phones to barracks and common rooms.

The army was stung to action by repeated reports that soldiers in occupied south Lebanon had been using their mobile phones to order takeaway pizzas for midnight delivery to the border.

Other incidents involved soldiers making calls to their loved ones just before they were due to go into action against Islamic extremists from the Hezbollah (Party of God) group, which is fighting a war of attrition against Israel and its local allies, the South Lebanon Army.

Terrorist attacks had made a mobile phone a valued part of the kit of any soldier able to afford one. At the site of last month's suicide bombing at a junction used by soldiers near the resort of Netanya, many of the survivors of the blast, which killed 21 Jews and wounded 62, begged journalists for the use of their portable phones to ring relatives and reassure them.

The craze for mobile telephones is so great that a leading rabbi had to step in last month and ban their use inside synagogues. He said that use of the phones was interfering with worshippers' communication with God.

Lack of cash forces Quayle to quit presidential race

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

DAN QUAYLE, the former Vice-President shocked the Republican Party yesterday by announcing he would not stand for President in 1996.

A spokesman said Mr Quayle had been "extremely excited and fired up" about running but had found it difficult to raise money. "The financial aspect of it threw a bucket of cold water on his enthusiasm."

Mr Quayle became the third prominent Republican after Jack Kemp, the former Housing Secretary, and Richard Cheney, the former Defence Secretary, to drop out this year. All three said they were put off by the need to raise roughly $20 million (£13 million) to compete in a primary season effectively compressed into a mere seven weeks by California's unprecedentedly early contest.

The Republican field now looks surprisingly thin, despite President Clinton's vulnerability. The only three heavyweight contenders are Robert Dole, the Senate leader, Senator Phil Gramm of Texas and Lamar Alexander, the former Education Secretary. They could yet be joined by Pete Wilson, who as Governor of California should be able to raise a lot of money quickly.

Senators Richard Lugar of Indiana and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the conservative commentator Pat Buchanan, and two or three other state governors are also thinking of running, but they would be long-shot candidates.

Mr Quayle's decision came as a complete suprise as he had already assembled the beginnings of a campaign team and announced his intention formally to declare his candidacy within the next few weeks. He had long ago rejected the advice of friends who believed he should stand for Governor of Indiana in 1996 and build a solid record to run on in 2000.

He had a narrow but fervent base of conservative and Christian Right supporters. He had worked hard to dispel his lightweight image, touring the country last year to promote a revisionist autobiography that sold over 500,000 copies. He pioneered the "family values" issue that is now so fashionable, and could boast four years experience in the White House. Indeed nine of the last 11 vice-presidents have gone on to be their party's nominee or president.

Mr Quayle has twice been admitted to hospital in recent months, once for a blood clot in the lung and once to have his appendix removed, but aides insisted health was not a factor in his withdrawal.

Mr Quayle's abrupt withdrawal was certain to spark a instant battle amongst the remaining candidates for his base, with Mr Gramm the likely beneficiary. The Texan is an arch-conservative whereas Mr Dole and Mr Alexander are relative moderates. All three have been preparing for their campaigns, and Mr Quayle may have found fundraising difficult because they had got in first.

The presidential election campaign will formally begin with the Iowa caucus on February 12 1996. The California primary is on March 26, and when that is over 70 per cent of delegates to the nominating convention will have been chosen.



Two boys perched on the rubble of a wrecked building in Pereira yesterday

Arrest of defence witness a blow to O.J.Simpson

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A WOMAN whose evidence might have offered a new explanation for the killings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman has been arrested on charges of defrauding a hotel chain of $23,000 (£15,000).

Mary Anne Gerchas, a Los Angeles jeweller with a record of bad cheques and unpaid loans that has spawned 37 lawsuits against her, had told defence lawyers in the O.J. Simpson murder trial that she had seen four men, none of them Mr Simpson, leaving the scene of the crime on the evening of the killings.

In a blow for Mr Simpson's defence, Ms Gerchas turned herself in to police on Wednesday after being accused of failing to pay her bill for a three-month hotel stay while her home was being remodelled after the 1994 Los Angeles earthquake.

Johnnie Cochran, Mr Simpson's chief lawyer, stunned the court in his opening statement last month with a forestaste of Ms Gerchas' evidence, sending prosecutors scrambling to discredit the surprise witness before she could take the stand.

Marcia Clark, Mr Cochran's opposite number on the prosecution, denounced Ms Gerchas as "a pathological liar and known Simpson groupie".

Ms Gerchas' arrest will come as consolation to Mr Hodgman, who was expected to return to the prosecution in a low-key management role. In his absence, Ms Clark sought to establish by painstaking questioning of neighbours who heard and saw Ms Brown's dog on the night of the murders that they took place at around 10.15pm.

One witness, who admitted organising his evenings around television programmes and claimed he could therefore time his movements precisely, said he encountered the blood-spattered dog when he took his own dog out for a walk at 10.33pm on June 12 last year, after that night's *Dick Van Dyke Show*.

The witness's neighbour, Sukru Boztepe, gave evidence that the dog led him to the scene of the killings later that night. Looking up Ms Brown's garden path, "I saw a lady lying down, full of blood", Mr Boztepe said.

Cross-examining every witness, defence lawyers probed for vagueness. They hope to show that the murders could have occurred as late as 11pm, by which time Mr Simpson was meeting a car to take him to the airport.

Fulbright dies at 89 in Washington

Washington: Former Senator J. William Fulbright, an outspoken critic of the Vietnam war and President Clinton's first political role model, died in Washington yesterday after a stroke (Ian Brodie writes). He was 89 and had been in poor health.

Mr Fulbright said his proudest achievement was creation of the Fulbright scholarships exchange programme, under which 100,000 foreigners have studied in the United States and more than 65,000 Americans have studied overseas. Mr Clinton said: "If it hadn't been for him I don't think I'd be here today."

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Clinton nominee gives new abortion account

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

HENRY FOSTER, President Clinton's embattled nominee for the post of US Surgeon General, generated still more controversy yesterday by offering yet another account of how many abortions he performed.

Dr Foster said he had actually performed 39 abortions and oversaw an experiment with a drug that caused 55 more. Still unexplained is a transcript of a 1978 government hearing that quotes Dr Foster as saying he had "done a lot of amniocenteses and therapeutic abortions, probably near 700".

Some Republican senators demanded that Mr Clinton withdraw Dr Foster's nomination, saying the Nashville obstetrician had not only performed abortions but misled Congress. Dan Nickles of Oklahoma confirmed the general view that the nomination was now in "serious trouble". Even Barbara Mikulski, a liberal Democrat, gave Dr Foster only a "50-50 chance" of confirmation.

Dr Foster insisted that the President remained "totally committed" to his nomination. His latest abortion count came during a television interview that was supposed to launch a counter-offensive, emphasising his distinguished record as a deliverer of 10,000 babies and campaigner against teenage pregnancy.

Dozens die in Colombia earthquake

Pereira, Colombia: Rescuers searched through rubble yesterday for survivors of an earthquake that killed at least 37 people and injured more than 230 in this industrial city in the heart of the coffee belt.

The 40-second tremor measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale shook a wide area of western Colombia on Wednesday, destroying or damaging 600 buildings and sending people running out into the streets. More than 3,000 were made homeless.

Rescuers in Pereira concentrated on a wrecked block of flats where at least two women were believed to be trapped alive. *(Reuter)*

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Calling your opponent a dimwit or a twerp in the House of Commons a century ago would barely have raised an eyebrow

A Member's guide to elegant abuse

BETTY BOOTHROYD has been seething this week at the antics of her MPs. She turned a blind eye on Monday when one of them was accused of wielding a pickaxe at a group of motorway protesters. But on Tuesday the Prime Minister called Tony Blair a "dimwit" and by Wednesday the whole House seemed to be accusing each other of being "nitwits" or "bullshitters" and Steven Norris, the Transport Minister, was insulting rail commuters by calling them "dreadful human beings".

The Speaker of the House had had enough. Pulling herself up to her full five feet two inches, steel ringlets bobbing, she declared that MPs behaviour was spiralling out of control and she would no longer put up with all this name-calling and spiteful invective.

She told an unusually hushed House, "Good temper and moderation are the characteristics of parliamentary language. I do hope that in future interventions all Members will bear that in mind and we shall make use of the richness of the English language to select elegant phrases that express their meaning without causing offence to others."

Miss Boothroyd is angry that MPs sloppy taunts and uncouth gibes are bringing the House into disrepute.

In fact she is extremely lucky. MPs in the 1990s are a model of decorum compared with many of their predecessors. It is now rare for a minister to make a speech when drunk. But both Pitt the younger and Asquith did so and Pitt, a port drinker, used to go behind the Speaker's chair to vomit before making an important intervention in debate. Liverpool favoured a whiff of ether and Canning a dose of laudanum.

In the last 20 years only Michael Heseltine has been known to resort to a violent gesture in the House, when he waved the mace in 1976. But between 1750 and early Victorian times challenging someone to a duel provided frequent entertainment. Pitt the younger and Shelbourne fought duels. Mr Major calling Mr Blair a "dimwit" pales in comparison with Palmerston having a bloody fist-fight with another future Prime Minister, Aberdeen.



ALICE THOMSON

Miss Boothroyd warns that "good temper and moderation are the characteristics of parliamentary language", but most MPs will tell you that ridicule and disdain make a far better parliamentary answer. If anything Miss Boothroyd should chastise MPs on the poor quality of their vitriol.

A century ago the kind of language the Speaker was having to censor were jibes like "half pantaloon and half highwayman", "lackadaisical and whimsical", "noble and learned camels", and suggesting an MP was "returned by the refuse of a large constituency". Recently MPs have resorted to "you little twerps" or "amiable dumbbells" or "hamsters".

The Speaker's rules have always meant using imagination. Accusing someone of being drunk or a liar has always remained an unparliamentary term.

According to an anthology of MPs' nonsense, *Nothing Good Will Ever Come Of It*, by Phil Mason, Norwegian and Icelandic abuse is fine but the French *merde* is not allowed. You may call a group of MPs hypocrites and frauds and accuse them of bribery, treachery and hypocrisy. "MPs used to be incredibly inventive; now they just tend to be rude. The insult used to be an art form; now it is more likely to be uttered in anger or frustration. The worst and most tedious language came in the 1980s when MPs were always trying out four-letter words," Mr Mason says.

Miss Boothroyd is far more prudish than many of her predecessors. "Telling porkies, you say. I think we will not have that word; I had to look it up in the dictionary." Mrs Boothroyd rebuked one MP in 1992.

But our Speaker's linguistic test will allow bunk, humbug and fatheads. Tony Banks, known for his colourful language, once got away with calling Terry Dicks, "an inflated pig's bladder on a stick", whilethe Labour MP Dennis Skinner won with "wally" but lost with "wimp".

You may call Dame Jill Knight a mean and silly woman, and Kenneth Baker a cruel swine, but not "Mr Oil Slick". Nigel Lawson may not be referred to as a "fat bounder".

GREG KNIGHT, Tory MP and author of *Honourable Insults*, blames the lack of quality contumely on television. "MPs realise they are being beamed into the sitting rooms of Britain and tend to dry up on subtle abuse and instead go for the 'dimwit' soundbite which they think the electorate can understand. Disraeli and Gladstone were so bitter they would have made people today choke on their cornflakes."

I believe in God, not in getting on

Julia Llewellyn Smith meets the Archdeacon of York, who believes we are losing our sense of sin

The Archdeacon of York, the Ven George Austin, lives in a plain, chilly semi in a pretty suburb of York. He is a tall, fat man with a bland, boyish face and voice to match, who opens the front door in a cosy green cardie and fading tartan slippers.

You would not think that this man's telephone number was vital to every journalist's contact book; that this fleshy-faced vicar could provoke any more controversy than a local tussle over which parishioner's jam he favoured at the bring-and-buy sale. Yet, in the Church of England, the sound of Mr Austin's voice can reduce clergymen to apoplexy, warm the hearts of middle England and delight anybody keen to witness a good old row.

Most of us know Mr Austin from events a year last December when he appeared on Radio 4's *Today* programme to talk about the newly separated Prince and Princess of Wales. The Prince, said Mr Austin, was not fit to govern this country. He had made wedding vows, which he had almost immediately broken, so how could he then go into Westminster Abbey and make coronation vows?

In the ensuing outcry the bishops closed ranks, but the public applauded Mr Austin's outspokenness.

It was by no means, however, the first time that Mr Austin, 63, had come to the bishops' attention. A regular contributor to newspapers and *Today's* "Thought for the Day", Mr Austin had long been notorious for his unerring ability to criticise liberal tendencies in the Church of England, especially with regard to the ordination of women. After one outburst his boss, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, famously compared him to the Fat Boy in *The Pickwick Papers* who sneaks up on timid women, saying "I wants to make your flesh creep."

Now, the latest Austin storm looks set to commence. Next Thursday, amid levels of hyperbole usually reserved for the latest Martin Amis, he publishes a book: *Affairs of State, Leadership, Religion and Society*, where he expands on his earlier comments. Cue for bitching from Mr Austin's enemies, who dismiss him as a publicity-seeking buffoon. But the idea for the book was not Mr Austin's, but that of the publisher, Hodder & Stoughton, who recognised its headline-hogging potential.

"They are going to town on it," admits Mr Austin, resplendent in leather armchair, grasping a coffee mug with sausage fingers. "It's very curious. Publicity is something I have never looked for. People have just come along and said 'Will you do this?' "

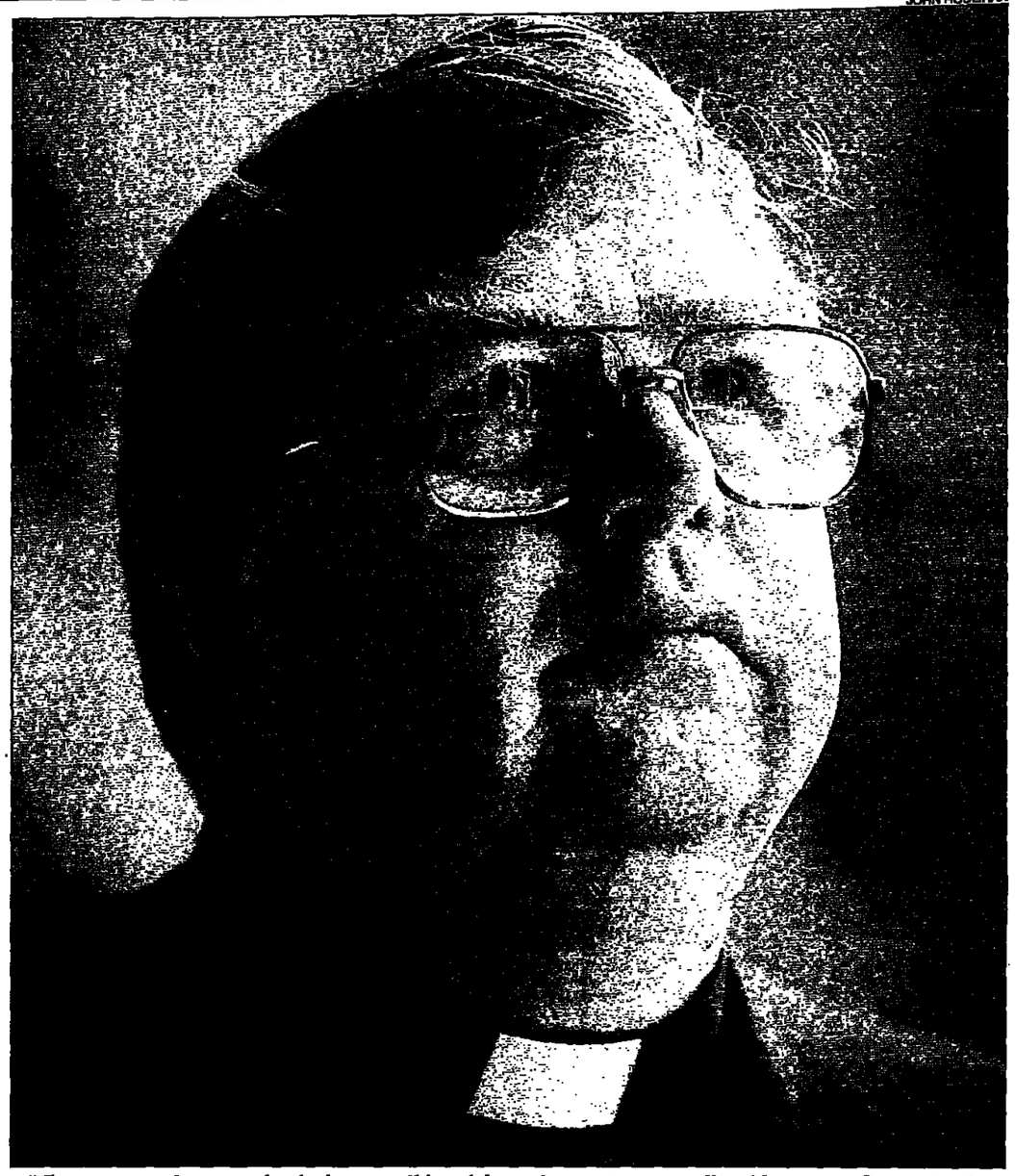
It is not, however, as if Mr Austin has been chosen at random. The media love him because he is one of the few clergy prepared to question his leaders, thereby scuppering any chance of advancement. "I've never been worried about promotion hopes," he says.

It is a claim he explores in his autobiography, *Journey to Hope*, where he concludes that his tobacconist father's reluctance to praise led him never to seek glory in human terms. "I would like my epitaph to be 'faithful but not successful'. I don't think we are called to be successful."

Such sentiments are precisely what endear Mr Austin to the Church's grassroots, where many would be delighted to see him a bishop. It won't happen, though. "You have to write the right kind of speeches and promote the right kind of beliefs or you won't get preferment. The system produces nonentities or people who have conditioned themselves not to say startling things."

Startling things, for example, about the morality of public figures, things which Mr Austin has always maintained should rightly be said by his superiors. "I think the Church has gone too far in not being prepared to challenge. People are damaging the family and damaging society. All of us need to be more moral. If you can't trust anybody, then society collapses."

JOHN HOULIHAN



"The system produces people who have conditioned themselves not to say startling things," says George Austin

And leaders have a duty to inspire this trust and to set an example — a duty, Mr Austin maintains, that the Prince of Wales has not fulfilled.

But why should the Prince's disastrous private life have any bearing on his public role? "Look," says Mr Austin. "Clearly the marriage is over and there has to be blame on both sides. But I think Charles needs to accept responsibility for his actions. He said he didn't commit adultery until his wife was impossible to live with. But how far was it impossible because of the non-adulterous friendship with Camilla Parker Bowles that carried on before and during the marriage. I mean, there's friendship and friendship and if I had to put up with a friendship like that I'd want to throw things and get angry."

It seems an unlikely scenario. Mr Austin has been married to Bobbie for 32 years and his conversation is peppered with fond references to her. She was a school teacher in St Albans until six years ago, when Mr Austin was promoted to his current position in the North. As we speak, she is sitting upstairs doing her husband's secretarial work. They have a journalist son called Jeremy, who sends them to see avant-garde films that they don't always enjoy.

It is an exemplary life, but does that give Mr Austin the right to cast the first stone? It is an argument he counters frequently, devoting a whole chapter of his book to it. "Yes, Jesus did say, 'Let him who is without sin', but he also said to the woman taken in adultery, 'Go and sin no more.' No one will say that and there's a diminishing sense in society that some things are sinful and wrong."

It is not as if Mr Austin is demanding that the future King of England crawl up the Mall in a horsehair shirt. "He should say, 'All right, I have been foolish, I'm so sorry. I just want to be left alone.' I think people would recognise his honesty and courage, and in those circumstances he probably could marry again, although I don't know about in church.

"It is all a question of accepting responsibility. These days everybody blames everybody else: Charles blames his father for making him get married; ministers don't go until they are pushed; the goalkeeper starts pointing at the other players as soon as he lets a goal in."

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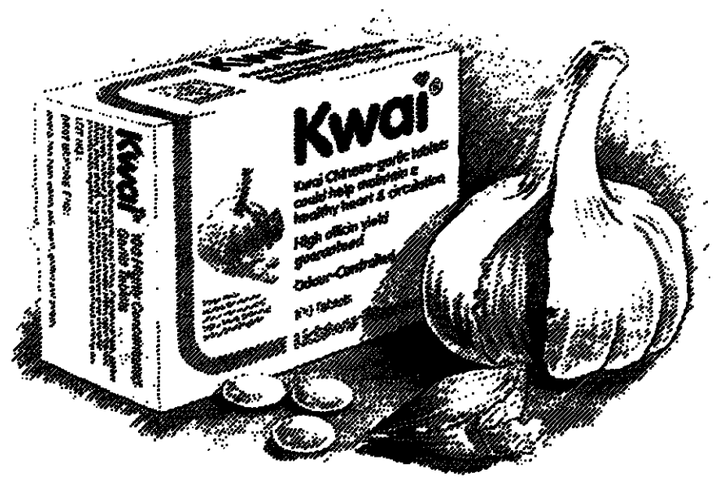
Mr Austin, however, is determined to be counted, whatever the cost. His chubbiness suggests wellbeing and jollity, but Mr Austin is far from at ease with his situation. His hate mail used to leave him feeling sick; now he is nearly immune. "But a retired bishop wrote me a letter after 'Thought for the Day' that was couched in obscene language. That sort of thing still shakes me.

"My son makes rude remarks about being a rentaquote, and Bobbie says people must say, 'Not him again!' Sometimes I say to her: 'Oh, I'm sick of it: fighting, fighting, fighting for the things I shouldn't need to'."

And what things should Mr Austin not need to fight for? He sighs ruefully. "I will have been 40 years in holy orders next July and the Church is taking a turn I never could have expected. Now we have priests who say it's possible for them not to believe in God. Actually, I think there are reasons why priests should believe. It ought to be totally unnecessary to say that."

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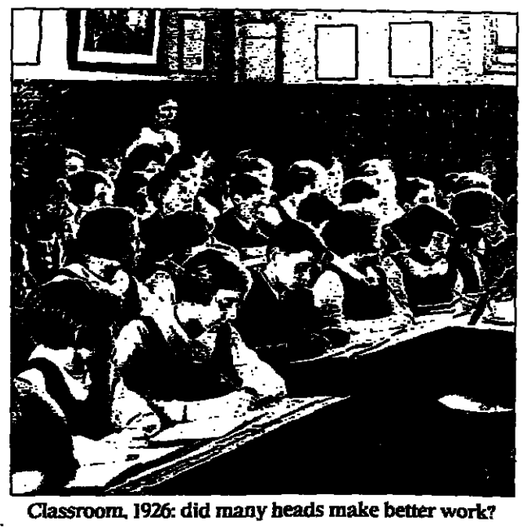
Should we put our children in big classes or small ones? Don't ask Whitehall, **Libby Purves** suggests

Rural school governors threatening civil disobedience? What next — rioting JPs? Lord Lieutenants rocking ministerial limos? A merger between the Rotary Club and Class War? Rum times we live in. But worse than the actual protest is the eerie evidence of discord between the way Whitehall thinks and the way the rest of us do. This is not just a sensible recession-time argument on how best to keep the wolf from the door; we are not even agreed on who the wolf is.

Take one example, which has been bothering me for some time. In every financial plea from schools and local authorities, the fear is expressed that with staff cuts, class sizes will rise. The idea worries parents, governors and teachers, especially at primary level. They automatically think of large classes as a Bad Thing. Parents who buy independent education say that one of their main reasons is the small classes. Low class numbers are therefore not only an electorate's desire, but a market force; and we are told to be responsive to those, are we not?

But when campaigners do raise the spectre of bigger classes, Government does not respond directly, or say "yes, that mustn't happen". It just urges using up reserves and increasing efficiency; and speaks with horror of "empty desks" — even though to some parents, it would seem rather a good thing if desks 25 to 44 were to remain empty in their own child's classroom. And the fact is that if you ask them directly, as I did for the umpteenth time yesterday, the Department for Education will reveal the interesting fact that, as a matter of fact, they *don't mind* if classes — even in primary schools — get bigger.

Their spokesman will say "the evidence is that there is no direct correlation between class size and achievement. The important thing is the quality of the teacher." Giving evidence to a Parliamentary Select Committee last summer, Baroness Blatch cited Taiwan to prove that large classes can produce a satisfactory workforce. If you ask an education minister, face to face, to tell you in all sincerity that it does not matter if five-year-olds olds end up 40 to a teacher, the minister will reply that that the case for small classes is not proven. This is the party line. As for the law, the 1944 Education Act set a limit of 40 but was revoked in 1969; so there is nothing to stop your small child being put into a very large class indeed. No law to stop it: clearly no political will either. If many schools do in fact keep primary school classes to 25 or fewer, it is not because of national policy but because the schools themselves are making immense efforts, off their own bat. I am not sure that enough people know that.



Classroom, 1926: did many heads make better work?

Note that I have kept maternal emotion and experience out of it so far. Frankly, to parents of young children it seems so glaringly obvious that they learn better in small groups that the maternal impulse right now is to scream and bite the carpet. The difference between the Japanese or Taiwanese model of education and society and our own is also something so obvious that there is no point even discussing it with anyone who hasn't noticed: it would be like showing an elephant to a man who insisted on keeping a stout paper bag over his head.

There are those, gripped by nostalgia for sepia pictures of Victorian board-schools, who sincerely believe that a class of 45 six-year-olds can efficiently be taught the national curriculum by one teacher. But few of those people are teachers; and none of them, I suspect, has much experience of life in the back three rows.

Banish emotion then, banish intuition, ignore even the wishes of parents and their evidence of market forces. Try facts. In The Netherlands, France, America, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand primary classes are between 15 and 20. In Luxembourg, Italy, Denmark, Austria and Sweden they are under 15. Eight European countries limit them by law. Recent research in Tennessee and Texas shows that being taught in small groups from the start confers a benefit which lasts for several years afterwards, even if pupils go on to bigger classes.

The National Commission on Education, briefed by the leading researcher in the field, Professor Peter Mortimore, backs a dramatic lowering of primary class sizes. Sir Christopher Ball, director of the Royal Society of Arts, goes further and argues that we have actually got education upside-down, and that the smaller the child, the smaller its optimum class. The "rule of thumb" he provocatively suggests is that the group number should be double the child's age. This would be rough on all those teachers who enjoy a dignified, unflustered lifestyle with small and motivated sixth-form groups — poor devils, must they retrain as reception teachers? — but it makes a strong appeal to common sense. Small children, after all, need adults most. Anyone can see that.

Well, almost anyone.

John Hume on a lifetime's journey from the Bogside to the conference table


DAVID STEWART-SMITH

John Hume: words, delivered with a mesmeric gaze and a prodding finger, have been his only weapon — "You keep on saying the same thing until somebody says it back to you"

An eye for an eye leaves us all blind

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



The eyes of John Hume, magnified by glasses under beetling black brows, fix the listener with an unrelenting gaze, with the occasional prod of a finger for added emphasis. Face to face with the gently mesmerising manner of the SDLP leader, it is easy to understand how even a man of violence might be persuaded to lay down his arms.

We met in Brussels this week, in one of the big international hotels where the constant background music of 1950s hits formed an incongruous chorus of *Lipstick on Your Collar* and *Whatever Will Be, Will Be* to Hume's softly whispered, almost inaudible words.

Words are the only weapon he has ever used, and he uses the same phrases again and again. "I learnt that when I was a teacher. You keep on saying the same thing over and over until somebody says it back to you."

The one word he keeps repeating is agreement. "Agreement threatens nobody," he says, prodding. "What is better, conflict or dialogue? Dialogue is the true weapon of peace. Never in my life have I fallen out with anyone so far that I couldn't still talk to them." He is having lunch with Ian Paisley next Tuesday in Strasbourg. "Peace is more important than politics," he says.

Since his talks with Gerry Adams, which had been going on since 1988, first became public, Hume has shown great courage, reviled even within his own party. The stresses and tension made him ill last year. He never stops travelling, working, worrying and smoking. "I was attacked on all sides for talking to Gerry Adams. But had we not talked, there would be no Downing Street Delaration and no peace. Five British governments have not stopped the killing on our streets. Twenty thousand soldiers have not stopped the killing. For the most honourable reasons, I talked secretly with the IRA when there was no peace; I talk openly to Sinn Fein now there is peace. And my challenge to my opponents is (here his whisper becomes almost menacingly fierce): give me your alternative!"

He had been disturbed by *The Times*'s printing of the leaked Anglo-Irish document last week, and even more distressed by the Unionists' reaction. 150 days into the ceasefire. "It was a distraction, a party-political game being played out by those who want to be able to say 'I told you so', obscuring the fact that for the first time ever, all energies are directed towards agreement. I don't want it to be a victory for one side or the other. I want agreement to emerge.

"For the first time in our history, both governments and all parties have agreed to come to the table, committed to an agreement. Let us stay on that road. Any new agreement reached between North and South would be subject to a referendum on one day, requiring a 'Yes' from each side. If either side says 'No', then it's not on. The people of Ireland as a whole will have spoken. And if they speak in agreement, nobody will be able to question it, and we will have the basis for order and stability."

His faith in the possibility of agreement seems touching, and he has an example of it in his own home city of Derry, where the Troubles started 25 years ago when Londonderry was run by the Unionist minority, and Catholics suffered under the gerrymandering voting system. The city is run today by the SDLP. "But," Hume says, "we put into practice our philosophy of respect for diversity. The mayor changes every year; this year it's a Unionist. Our common ground is our city. We have a mutual respect for difference, which are no more than an accident of birth."

'I am just a packet — delivered by my wee wife Pat'

Last week the itinerant peace-monger was in Derry on Monday, London on Tuesday, Brussels on Wednesday, Dublin on Thursday, and Davos (at the World Economic Conference) on Friday, where he spoke on peace and reconciliation, with Shimon Peres and the Foreign Ministers of Egypt and South Africa. "If my mother came out of her grave she would never believe it," he says, "she never left Derry in her whole life." At Davos he was inundated with requests to speak — in South Africa, Bosnia, Pakistan, and all over the United States, where universities garland him with doctorates.

He might have had a quiet, obscure life as a Catholic priest. He was the eldest of seven; the only one who passed the 11-plus and got educated — a scholarship boy at St Columb's, followed by St Patrick's seminary at Maynooth. Great was his parents' pride; and hard was the decision to give up the priesthood. "I became what was known then as a spoiled priest." Instead he read for a degree in history and French, and taught at a Catholic school. But he also led a self-help movement in Derry, founding a credit union which still flourishes there; and in 1952 he started Atlantic Harvest, a smoked salmon business, when he saw that fresh salmon from the Foyle estuary were being sent elsewhere to be smoked. This early example of a cross-border agreement between the Unionist Government of Northern Ireland and the Irish Government still produces "the best smoked salmon in Europe", although he sold his half-share in it the day he was first elected (as an Independent, in 1969) on the principle that a politician should not be a businessman. He also wanted to bottle the local spring water, but at the time everyone thought him mad, as water came out of taps. "If I'd given my life to business and industry," he says, "I'd be lot better off than I am today."

His father, unemployed since the war, spent his evenings writing beautiful copperplate letters on behalf of those who could not write. His mother, who could write no more than her name, spent her evenings making collars. Young John did his homework at the same wooden table. When there was a flag-waving nationalist meeting in the street, Hume's father told him: "Don't get involved in that stuff, son. You can't eat a flag." Hume learnt early to reject the idea that patriotism meant dying for Ireland, which was very closely allied to killing for Ireland.

"I stood up against violence throughout my life. I opposed the IRA for 20 years in my own streets in the middle of Bogside. The SDLP and Sinn Fein have fought the bitterest elections." Hume's own five children have grown up with the Troubles, and seen the family home in the Bogside attacked nine times; five masked men firebombed it one night when Hume's wife, Pat, and one daughter were inside. (Pat, or "the wee wife" as he refers to her, runs his office in Derry, where 300 supplicants arrive each week. "I couldn't do anything without her. We are a team. I am a packet, and she delivers me.") Their cars were blown up, the house was daubed and picketed by IRA supporters.

'Nobody will dare go back to the trenches again'

But Hume's favourite refrain is Martin Luther King's "the doctrine of an eye for an eye leaves everybody blind".

On Tuesday he met John Major at the House of Commons, and thanked him for his television speech. "John Major gave me total commitment from day one," he says, "and the British Prime Minister who achieves peace will go down in history, where Gladstone failed, Lloyd George failed, Churchill failed.

"Given the bitterness and prejudice of our history, it will not be easy. But let's spill sweat over it, not blood." He has said that line about spilling sweat not blood many times. "The Unionists have always accused me of wanting to impose a united Ireland. They do not listen to a word I say. For 25 years I have been saying we want an agreed future for Ireland. Whatever form that agreement takes, once it becomes an agreement the quarrel is over, and the healing will take place. The real border of Ireland is not a line on a map, it is a border in the hearts and minds of people, two opposing mindsets entrenched in the harsh and terrible past, which have got to change."

He recognises and approves of the Unionists' objective: to protect their heritage and their identity. "But they have a laager mentality. They think the only way they can protect the North is by holding all the power in their own hands — which is what led to the one-party state and 60 years of discrimination. What we need in Northern Ireland is a Unionist de Klerk. He recognised that he had to reach agreement with the people with whom he shared a piece of earth, but respecting the rights of his own people too.

"My challenge to the Unionists is simple. We cannot live without you. Come to the table and make an agreement that will protect your heritage for ever. On the other side of the divide is the territorial mindset: 'This is our land, and you are a minority'. To them I say, it is people who have rights, not territory."

He has been a member of the European Parliament since 1979 and to him, Europe represents the most inspiring example of how former enemies can reach agreement in a way unimaginable 50 years ago. "What will emerge, a couple of generations after the healing process takes place, is a new Ireland, whose model will be very different from the past.

"My dream is that the next century will be the first in Ireland's history with no bloodshed on the streets — and no young people emigrating. [He has a brother in Australia, a son in Boston.] Peace in the streets has already created an enormous change of mood among people. Nobody will dare go back to the trenches of the last 25 years." What about the Semtex bomb defused at Newry? "Well, the IRA have denied it, and having been the IRA's strongest opponent, I do know that they tell the truth. Even when they committed the worst atrocities, they always admitted them."

And what about the weapons? "Every party in Ireland was founded on the gun. The guns disappear. The only question is, have you stopped using the guns?"

The day agreement is reached, he will regard his task as done. "I have given my life to what I believe in, and I don't care what anybody says, it is peace. I know, I know. I've grown up with it. It's peace.

Executive blot on our landscape

Why do we allow suburbia to spread into England's villages?

Watching the ugly lorries arrive and the tawdry mock-heraldic banners of the brutal builders rise alongside their sinister little Portakabin, I felt like one of the rabbits in *Watership Down* staring at the engines of destruction.

The notices of impending doom were quickly erected, harbingers of an environmental Armageddon. "Coming soon," they proclaimed, like advertisements for next week's movie at some small-town fleapit, "an exclusive development of four-bedroom luxury executive homes." I had read the evil runes correctly: Partridge Chase was upon us.

Amid the bizarre indicators used by pundits to calculate trends in the British economy, one of the most perverse is the practice of seeing a rising number of "housing starts" as positive. In fact, the building industry is the bane of our national life, responsible for more and more lower-middle-class blots on the English countryside.

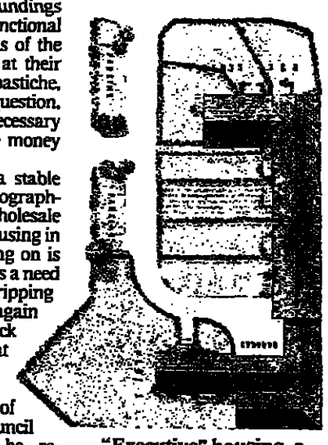
Admittedly, the new houses of the past decade have been better built and more congruous with their surroundings than much of the functional and ugly constructions of the 1960s and 1970s. But at their best, they remain pastiche, and ignore the real question, which is: were they necessary at all, except to make money for their builders?

In a country with a stable population and a demographic dip in the offing, wholesale construction of new housing in the way it is now going on is redundant. Yes, there is a need for redeveloping — ripping down and starting again — on the tower-block vertical slums that disfigure our big cities. Some of this is happening. A lot of cheap, postwar council housing could also be replaced. And most importantly of all: our rich treasury of existing domestic architecture, from 17th-century country cottages via the immensely user-friendly, middle-class Victorian terraces to the 1930s suburbs, is in need of repair and restoration.

But most of this is left to the DIY business For the big builders, the economic — ie, money-making solution — is to build from scratch on the diminishing greenfield sites, preferably around picturesque villages which are thus in danger of mutating from balanced communities into small towns.

The traditional villain in this scenario was the "weekender", the relatively well-off city-dweller who could afford a second home, who was depicted as a contrast to a homogenous group of "locals". I admit an interest — I am a second-homeowner — but in reality, the traditional view is a myth. The real outsiders are the inhabitants of the "executive homes", mostly recent arrivals from suburbia who still commute up to 40 miles a day to their workplaces, shop up to ten miles away at the nearest out-of-town supermarket complex and whose prime contribution to rural life is the exhaust fumes from their BMWs that clog narrow country lanes. By contrast, second homeowners have usually made a long-term commitment to their retreat, seeing it as a possible retirement home rather than a temporary step on the housing-market ladder. They shop in the village shop, use the village pubs and care about the quality of local life: after all, there is no point in escaping from like to like.

The counter-argument uses words such as "dynamic" and "progress" and complains about "fuddy-duddies" and "living in the past". But it is those who use it who are living in the past. The age of urbanisation in Britain is over, as the builders' enthusiasm for luring people from the towns into the villages demonstrates. What they are doing, of course, is eroding their main selling point, but by then they have made the sale.



"Executive" housing, a village-lover's horror

What most villages really need is some relatively inexpensive housing to give young people growing up in the community the chance to remain there. What they get instead are class-ghettoes of suburbanites whose own children will leave the moment they are old enough, if they have not all already moved "one rung up the ladder" to blight some other beauty spot with a cancerous "development" at its edge.

There is no obvious cure, I fear. Builders will be builders, and the lure of lucre usually wins out over the pedantries of planning permission. In the popular mind, the idea that "more" means "better" and that despoilation is a form of progress are among the most evil legacies of the 20th century. Only when we have erected street lights and laid suburban crescents, closes and gardens all over what remains of England will we realise that the great British dream has become a waking nightmare.

PETER MILLAR

TRAVEL section

IF YOU TAKE OFF REGULARLY.

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The section for travellers every Thursday in THE TIMES

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Monetary union holds scant benefit

Mr Clarke skirted the economic issues, says **Anatole Kaletsky**

It might have scored a respectable *beta-minus* for political shrewdness, but in an A-level paper on economics, the Chancellor's speech on European monetary union yesterday would have been lucky to win a bare pass mark. The problem for Kenneth Clarke was that stitching together the tattered fabric of party unity among his Cabinet colleagues has nothing whatsoever to do with economics, and a proper exposition of the rather subtle economic arguments on monetary union, which he kept skirting, would strike the public as even more mind-numbing than the Tories' internal battle over Europe. But here goes.

At least four questions are worth discussing. First, does monetary union imply political union? No. As Mr Clarke said yesterday, there have been plenty of states throughout history which have participated in monetary unions and remained separate nations. However, monetary union does imply the loss of one of the main prerogatives of a sovereign state — the power to print money — and this means far more than the loss of control over two instruments of economic policy, namely the level of interest rates and the exchange rate. A state which cannot print money thereby also loses the power to borrow freely in the financial markets, since money-creation is a Government's ultimate guarantee that it can always repay its debts, albeit in debased money if necessary. And curtailing the state's power to borrow also limits its ability to spend, tax and ultimately to carry out such other basic functions as waging war. All these curtailments of state power might be desirable, but it is dishonest to pretend they would not occur.

> That it is possible doesn't mean it makes sense

This leads to the second question: would the transfer of key elements of state sovereignty to Europe be desirable? On this essentially political question, one economic observation is worth making. European institutions have recently been unimpressive in overseeing monetary and exchange-rate policies, and have made an even bigger hash of running public spending programmes. Britain, on the other hand, has done quite well, ever since it left the ERM. Thus the idea that a substantial economic power like Britain cannot "go it alone" in monetary policy and *must* transfer economic sovereignty to Europe is simply nonsense.

The third question is whether monetary union would be economically feasible or whether it would "break up the European Community", as John Major recently warned. On this point, Mr Major and other Eurosceptics are plainly wrong. A monetary union including Germany, France, Austria, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Denmark and Ireland would be economically quite possible by the main target date in the Maastricht treaty, which is December 1999, not 1997. These countries are all likely by then to satisfy the treaty's convergence criteria. They might, of course, *choose* to back out of their treaty obligations. But if they did go ahead, they would be unlikely to suffer such serious economic hardship as to "tear Europe apart".

For some other European countries, joining a monetary union in 1999 might indeed be dangerous. Italy and Sweden, both of which have public debts well above 100 per cent of gross domestic product, would lose their ability to guarantee the repayment of their own debts, if necessary by debasing the lira and kroner. But this is precisely why the convergence criteria were designed to keep such countries out. Then there are the stragglers: Spain, Portugal and Greece. For them, early membership could be disastrous because it would lock in very high levels of unemployment and backward industrial structures.

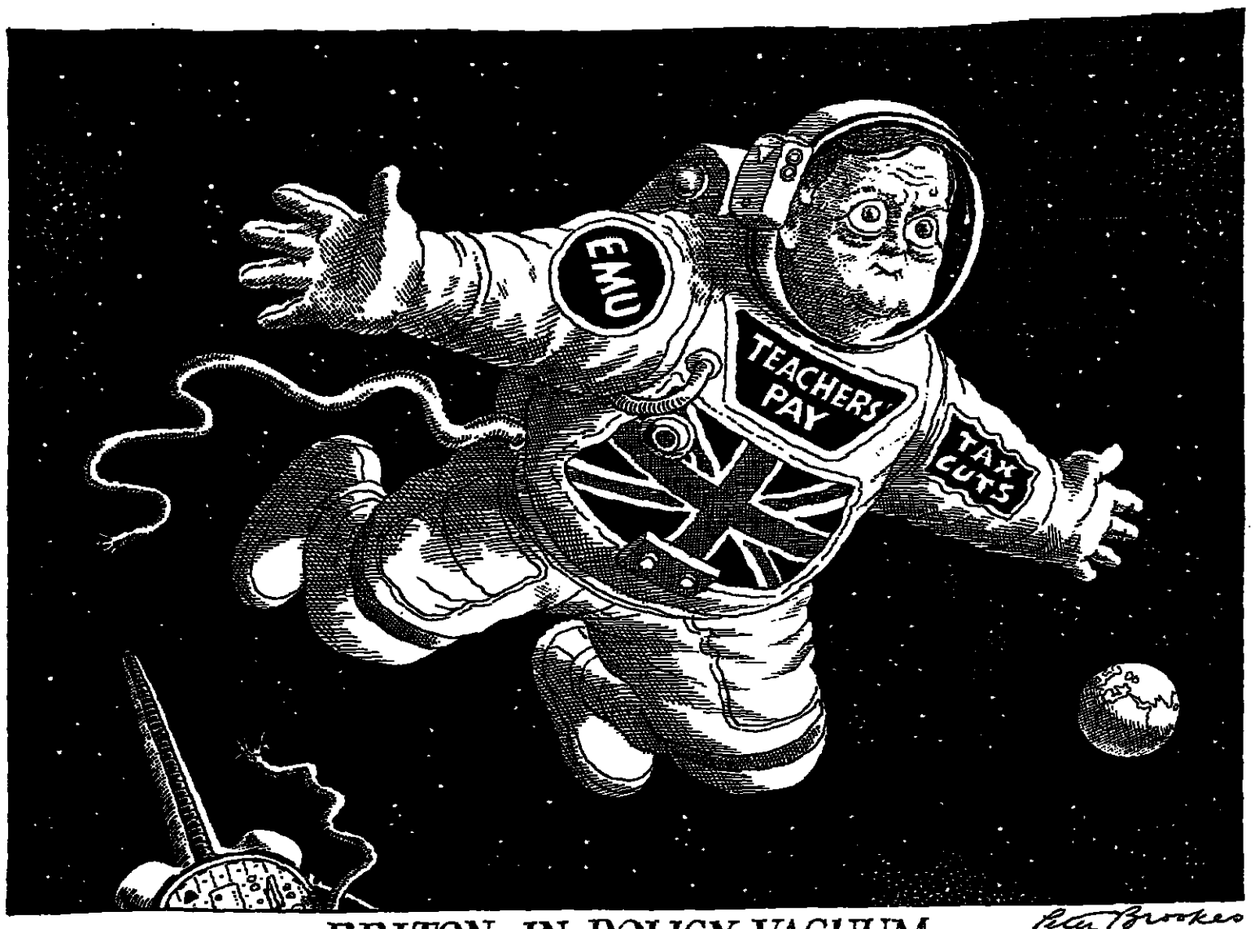
Happily, Britain fits into neither of these problematic groups. However, from the mere fact that monetary union would be possible for a country like Britain, it is a huge leap of logic to claim that we (or for that matter France or Germany) should join.

This leads to the fourth and most important question: apart from the political doubts about European integration already mentioned, would the economic benefits outweigh the economic costs?

Unfortunately, this crucial issue cannot be settled by ideology or flagwaving, but has to be addressed through boring economic theory. This theory, called Optimal Currency Areas, suggests that a single currency is only likely to be beneficial in a group of countries with reasonably uniform industrial structures and great mobility of labour. If the area is not uniform, different parts of it will respond differently to unpredictable shocks, such as oil crises or monetary miscalculations. Without an exchange rate to act as a shock-absorber, these upheavals will produce long periods of economic dislocation. And if labour is not mobile, the problems will be even worse, since large-scale migration (as in America) is one of the main ways for regions to cope with localised shocks.

But the theory has an even more important lesson. The most important requirement in creating a monetary union is that all the economies should be in balance to start with. This means not only that their trade should be balanced, but that there should be roughly equal levels of unemployment. A country with very high unemployment, like, for example, France at present, almost certainly has an overvalued currency. To lock such a currency into a monetary union is not impossible, but it guarantees huge economic costs for years if not decades ahead.

In sum, therefore, it would be quite possible for Europe to create a monetary union and for Britain to join. But just because something is possible, does not mean it makes sense.



BRITON IN POLICY VACUUM

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Judges found wanting

The judiciary badly needs the guidance of advisers from the real world

Bernard Levin

The judges! The judges! I'm back with the judges! I knew something was missing in my life, and when I looked at my last year's diary all was clear: I hadn't had a go at them since last October! Ooh, the fortitude! Ah, the restraint! Eee, the waste of time!

Before I take up the matter in hand, I must touch upon a little-noted but very significant aspect of our judiciary and the way the members go about their labours. It is the forbearance that they show in the way they are treated by ruffians like me. True, the Old Guard has gone, so battered by getting things wrong and having to put them right 15 years later, that I could have pelted the bench with ordure and got away with it, and it was only my notorious delicacy that prevented me from actually carrying out the threat. But by then, though, the new or newish bench had got the hang of the hitherto lost trick of igniting the fire in the belly, and only the lower order of circuit judges was still up to the old tricks, though I, suspicious to the end, tried my old test of threatening to spit in the judge's eye to see how he takes it. He took it well.

That is a very good thing, not only for the spitters, but also for the spittees, for it can only mean that the judges, these days, are more sensible than their predecessors, and one of these days we shall wake up without the ghastly whine they emit when they are accused of not understanding ordinary people and their problems. (If I ever again hear from a judge that he really *is* an ordinary person just like us, and to prove it says that he always takes the washing to the laundry, remembers to stop the papers when he and his wife go on holiday, and brings the cat in at night, I *shall* spit in his eye.)

But we still have a long way to go, as witness Judge Wilson, who, on circuit, learned that — well, hear me:

> Offered accommodation in the local Berni Inn, he burst with rage. The advertising of judgeships brought him forty fits, saying that it was "a cynical exercise". As for the letter that all judges received, laying out what judicial kind of misbehaviour would lead to disciplinary proceedings, hear Judge Wilson: "I was very offended to receive it, and so was everyone else I have spoken to." Oh, my dear good justice: if you get offended to bursting by reading a letter that you claim was unnecessary, what would you think if a party of scofflaws knocked you down, debagged you, and painted your bottom red, white and blue?

With which, I introduce you to Judge Richard Haworth. (From the only photograph I have seen, he has curiously small eyes, and my mum always said I should avoid men with little eyes. Mind you, my mum was very superstitious.)

The story in brief is that a Mr Bill Wicks had been attacked and injured: the man accused of the crime was prosecuted, and Mr and Mrs Wicks were called to give evidence. Before they were to appear, however, they had been threatened, and the threats took the form of a warning not to give evidence.

Mr and Mrs Wicks were afraid: after all, Mr Wicks had been attacked. In fear, the couple refused to give evidence. And the law, in the hands of Judge Haworth, came down on them with elephantine force. Well, you may say, fear or no fear, the law must be obeyed. Yes, but that leaves out Judge Haworth. From beginning to end of the Wickses' ordeal, he appears to have taken virtually no notice of anything said for the besieged couple. Have a taste. This is Mrs Wicks speaking:

> Our barrister, Barbara Strachan, started to speak. But Judge Haworth was not interested in anything she was saying. Miss Strachan mentioned the letter I had written. The judge waved it in his hand and was clearly not impressed. Our barrister tried to explain it was Bill who was the victim in all this, but he was not having any of it, she was talking to thin air. From that moment we knew were going to prison. It was then the judge declared: "Only a custodial sentence could be justified."

Off to prison they went, quite literally without anything that could be called a defence, and anything said on their side ignored or brushed aside, thanks to Judge Haworth. Now, I have frequently criticised the present Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, but the appalling behaviour of Judge Haworth galvanised the Lord Chief into a statement that even I could not fault. Here it is:

> Lord Chief Justice Taylor ruled "that the contempt was not satisfactorily or properly proved". He said that in future people like the Wickses should be given a full opportunity to explain themselves. He criticised the fact that neither the couple nor the police officer involved in the case were asked to speak during the hearing . . . and expressed astonishment that the Crown Prosecution Service was not even represented. "This must not happen again," he said.

Indeed it must not happen again. But how can we guard ourselves against Judge Haworth and his like? The Wickses have an answer. Mrs Wicks said of him: "To me he was so pompous, with no idea of what goes on in the real world." Leave out the bit about pomposity, and take the other phrase: ". . . with no idea of what goes on in the real world."

And plainly he hasn't. The last time such a scandal arose, I offered a remedy, a serious one. Forget the majesty of justice outside the great cities and outside the great crimes and outside the great wigs: think instead of the hundreds of minor transgressions that are dealt with every week, with no one but perhaps a barrister plus two lay justices, in the rural world. I do not think such justice is tainted, corrupt or beyond the intelligence of ordinary people. Well, invert the pattern. All the high courts could and should have a lay adviser — not just an expert on technical matters. He or she would not argue the fine points of the law, but would point out the fatuities, pomposities and absurdities that could be avoided by the Wickses' few sagacious words, in which they summed up their ordeal: ". . . with no idea of what goes on in the real world."

And has Judge David MacLaren Webster any idea what goes on in the real world? He will say (possibly splutter) that of course he knows what goes on in the real world: why, he might say he bought a lottery ticket last week, and perhaps went to the cinema the week before that, and it is not impossible that he reads thrillers when he is not busy. Never was there a judge so *au courant* as Judge MacLaren Webster.

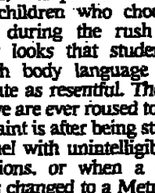
Yet scoundrels like me have the impudence to say that Judge MacLaren Webster's head could be better used as a doorstep. For he it was who presided over the trial of four British paratroops in Aldershot, who — for fun and nothing else — one evening kicked to the ground a Mr McGuire, who was doing them no harm or nuisance. When Mr McGuire was sufficiently grounded, they broke both his arms, an unspecified number of his ribs, and his head. He was — is — unable to pick up his children; he awaits more operations, and he is in consistent pain. And the judge thought it best not to send them to prison, but to do 200 hours of community service. His reasoning, if that is the word (it isn't), is that it might have lead to their army career being disturbed or even ended. *And Judge MacLaren Webster actually gave that as the reason he did not send them to prison.*

Perhaps the Lord Chief Justice can only summon up the power to kick a buttock once a week, because unless I have missed it, there should be a considerable bruise on the rear of Judge Bell. Indeed, I am not sure that my third and last shocker isn't the worst. It is odious in itself, and thrice odious in its harking back to those dreadful judges who, faced with a rape case, brushed it airily aside, with sickening comments like "She asked for it", "Doesn't do any harm" and "You'll get over it".

Judge Bell stopped only just before that threshold, saying that the girl who was raped gave the rapist an "amber light", because she was scantily dressed. Apart from Bell's vulgarity, his sentence was shocking — two-and-a-half years, and I can only repeat what the victim said: "It was a disgraceful thing to say. I was disgusted and disappointed. I went through a terrifying ordeal. I was not interested in Campbell [the rapist] at all. I didn't behave in any suggestive way. If shouting for him to get off and get out of my house isn't saying 'No', then what is?"

I think I can can answer that. I have been writing about the judges, new and old. And I have concluded — anybody would with my evidence — that although the real bastards on the bench are disappearing, they are not disappearing fast enough. It would be foolish to think that one day all the bastards will have gone for ever, but we can hope to get the numbers down. Could not the Lord Chief Justice hurry up the past?

Philip Howard



■ Thank you, Mr Norris — would you kindly change trains?

We dreadful human beings on the Circle Line were behaving with our Blitz stoicism yesterday. Other "dreadful human beings" were sitting not alongside but below us, their papers tickling our midriffs while we tried not to tread on their feet. Seats are snatched at once, irrespective of the age, sex, children or other disabilities of the competition. But by the time the train arrives at Notting Hill Gate, all the seats have long gone, and the prudent man tries to insinuate himself apologetically towards some vertical surface to prop his back against.

We show patience in conditions that would shock the demonstrators against calf-trucks. When a cowboy driver jerks us off our feet around a corner, we catch each other and make eye contact and even smile — for once wryly is the exact rather than the lazy adverb. Some of the intolerant make "tssking" noises to match the electronic "tssks" coming from the headphones of commuting cassette players, and parties of French schoolchildren who choose to travel during the rush hour attract looks that students of English body language could translate as resentful. The only time we are ever roused to vocal complaint is after being stuck in a tunnel with unintelligible explanations, or when a Circle Line is changed to a Metropolitan train without any distinguishable warning, and we find ourselves outside the inner zone without a ticket.

We were relieved not to have the Transport Minister, former chairman of a dealership in expensive motor cars, in our carriage, because there was no room for him. If he had arrived, we would have squeezed the congealed mass of dreadful humanity even tighter, in a grudging way, to let him in, out of feeling for a fellow victim. One touch of the Circle Line makes even junior ministers kin. But we took it that Steve Norris was being ironic about our dreadfulness, and referring to our conditions of travel rather than our behaviour, clothes, smells, vulgarity, eating habits and contiguity on trains. Yesterday he said that he was referring to *himself* as the man on the Circle Line and a dreadful human being.

Loss of any personal space is the main horror of commuting, and we endure this by building our invisible screens against the crowd with crosswords or books or earphones or by staring at the advertisements. I prefer it to being stuck in a rush-hour traffic jam. Commuters by public transport are cattle. Commuters by car are road-hogs.

Mr Norris sounded as patronising as the man in the car to the man on public transport — the Attila-the-Hun arrogance of the horseman to the poor resentful infantry. Human beings are lovely, or at least they are all that we have, and our relatives and friends. En rush-hour *masse*, they may be described as dreadful — but not by a politician seeking re-election.

Mr Norris's phrase "dreadful human beings" was superior car salesman's language, and probably irony, a device that provokes outrage in soundbites. John Major's description of Tony Blair as a "dimwit" was obsolescent slang. The word is an American colloquialism that came over to the playgrounds of London with the GIs. It sounds snooty and aggressive, and as old as Just William's teacher.

Coarser insults are in vogue today. The same insinuation can be made within the rules of parliamentary language by wit rather than direct abuse. What he lacks in intelligence, he makes up for in stupidity. Microbiologists are trying to build the ultimate idiot, and they are using the honourable gentleman as their gene bank. As when Francis Bacon said that a tall French ambassador was like a five-storey house: "the upper rooms are the most poorly furnished". Or when Sheridan's son Tom announced that when he became an MP he would proclaim his independence of party by writing "To Let" on his forehead. Sheridan said, "And, under that, Tom, write 'unfurnished'." Or when Byron wrote that the Cardinal at Ravenna was at his wit's end: "— It is true that he had not far to go." Wit cuts deeper than abuse. And political gaffes at least keep us awake when they cause outrage.

Splash 'n' grab

POLICE arrested two Cambridge University students who ran wild at the weekend after an evening with a girls' drinking society. One of the two medical students from St John's College dived into the flooded River Cam to evade college porters and for three hours was believed to have drowned.

The episode began after Luke Gompels and Adam Green left the inebriated company of the Newnham Nuns on borrowed bicycles. They raced around St John's before being spotted by college porters. Green made a quick escape but Gompels was pursued through the library and the Master's garden, where he reached a wall overlooking the river.

Despite repeated appeals, he threw himself into the swirling Cam below. The porters called the emergency services. A three-hour tri-service search followed, involving heat-seeking equipment, searchlights and an inflatable boat. Gompels re-emerged at the college gate three hours later. Along with Green, he was arrested, cautioned by the police and released. Both students have been banned from the college bar for the term and fined £250.

"The events have generated a great sense of ill-feeling. The porter was concerned that he had met his death," says Ray Jobling, Senior Tutor at St John's. Gompels refused to comment on the incident other than to confirm that he was in serious trouble.

● *Guests are to be permitted to bare all at The Ritz. At supper or in the bar, however, diners must be partially clad at least. The Ritz in question claims to be Britain's most opulent naturist health and fitness club. It opens later this month in leafy Surbiton. But after learning of it, the rather better-known Ritz hotel in Piccadilly has decided to investigate the new establishment. "We're looking into this, but I can't say any more," said a spokeswoman.*



THE TIMES DIARY

God save us

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM has been blaring interminably from the offices of BBC Radio 2 for the last few weeks. The anthem celebrates its 250th anniversary this year, and Radio 2 is putting on a birthday programme.

"The people in my office are sick of the sound of it because I have had to listen to 40 or 50 different versions," says Bridget Apps, the programme's producer. "We go from a version by the Grenadier Guards to a really awful one by Michael Fagin, the man who broke into the Queen's bedroom."

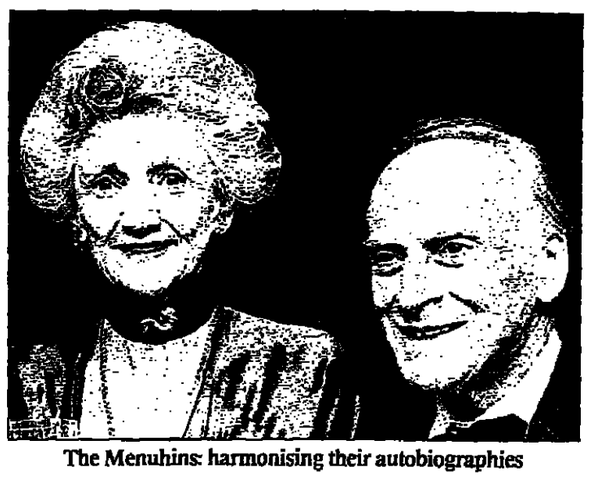
A German military band gave the longest known rendering on the platform of Rathenau railway station, she adds. King Edward VII was struggling to fit into an undersized German field-marshal's uniform. The band played the anthem 17 times before he was ready.

● *London College of Law students were being examined on police powers yesterday afternoon when there was a bomb scare. Police swamped the building and turfed them outside — offering the students a tip or two in passing.*

Essex epic

FED UP with jokes about stilettos and secondhand cars, Essex Man is fighting back. A lifelong inhabitant of the ridiculed region is remortgaging his house to champion the county.

At the age of 62, Roy Dyer, of the Brentwood Information Centre, has hired a film crew to make a 40-minute documentary, *Essex: The County of Contrasts*, setting the £50,000 cost against his home. Footage of idyllic, sleepy villages will be shown against views of the M25 and shopping centres.



The Menuhins: harmonising their autobiographies

"These jokes about Essex are not funny but rather silly," he says. "I'm an Essex man and very proud of it. I don't wear jewellery and shell-suits, but why shouldn't people, anyway?"

In tune

TALK IN London's Chester Square is of the industrious behaviour of Lord Menuhin and his wife Diana. They are updating their autobiographies after selling a double book deal to the publisher Sinclair-Stevenson for about £60,000.

The books will be launched to coincide with the ecologically minded peer's 80th birthday in April 1996. And both volumes will doubtless find their way across the square, to the Menuhins' famous neighbours, Sir Denis and Lady Thatcher.

P·H·S

THE NEW PULL AND PUSH

Clarke tries to steer European policy his way

Each time that John Major sets out a sensible position on Europe, a colleague tries to tweak it in a different direction. Last night it was the turn of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to ride the push-me-pull-you of Tory politics. With more than his customary tact, Mr Clarke paid at least some minimum obeisance to the arguments of the sceptics. But he left no doubt that he wanted Britain at the heart of Europe, if need be as a member of a single currency.

It is encouraging to see the Chancellor's enthusiasm for monetary union dimmed even a little by the practicalities involved. If Mr Clarke has evolved from a single-currency-at-all-costs man to one who understands the possible disaster that could ensue, that is to be welcomed. Although his heavily trumpeted "new" convergence criteria turned out to be little more than a reiteration of the Maastricht treaty, Mr Clarke was wise to express worry about the possible costs in social unrest and hard cash of countries joining a single currency while their structural unemployment is high and their labour markets inflexible.

Much of the time, however, the Chancellor raised Aunt Sallys only to knock them down. If the British Government had ever been so foolish as to opt out of the politics of trade policy in Europe, he says, it would never have secured the Gatt round. Yet who has ever suggested that Britain should not have taken its seat at that table? The enemies that Mr Clarke was addressing last night seemed to be those who want Britain to pull out of the EU altogether. Their arguments are the easiest to defeat, but victory is hollow. The people Mr Clarke should be seeking to persuade are not the out-and-out sceptics, but those nearer the centre who are yet to be convinced that any further integration within the EU is in Britain's interests.

Mr Clarke was at his most emphatic in denying that economic and monetary union would lead inexorably to political union. He used as his examples the cases of Austria and Holland, whose currencies have been pegged to the German mark for years. But he forgets that they could choose at any time to set their currencies free: joining a single currency, by contrast, would be an irreversible step. And, although it is true that they are still sovereign states, they have lost all control over their own interest rates and exchange rates, which are now set by the Bundesbank according to German, not Austrian or Dutch, priorities. That lack of accountability would be quite unacceptable to this country — or indeed to France. Political structures would have to be set up to make the decisions of a European central bank accountable to its member states.

Mr Clarke says that this pooling of sovereignty would not "herald the end of the nation state". But it would take out of the hands of individual governments some of the most important decisions that their citizens entrust them to make. Coming from a Chancellor of the Exchequer, this is blithe insouciance; it seems as if Mr Clarke is quite happy to write himself out of a job. For he is adamant that considerations of sovereignty should have no part to play in assessing whether Britain should join a single currency. The only measurements of national self-interest, he claims, should be "jobs, capital investment and our ability to sell our goods and services in world markets".

This now marks the divide within the centre of the Tory party: between those who measure Britain's interests only in the crudest economic terms and those who put varying values on independence, sovereignty, democracy and accountability. It may not be sensible to argue that all the latter must be defended — whatever the cost may be. But it still sounds extraordinary for a Conservative to declare that they no longer have value at all.

THREE POLES

The question of competence facing Lech Walesa

After a war of nerves which has already lasted for months and is not yet over, Lech Walesa appears to have manoeuvred yet another Polish Prime Minister out of office. He has done Poland's political stability, in the interest of which he claims to be acting, a disservice. Mr Walesa, who so eloquently symbolised resistance to the abuse of power during the 1980s, increasingly appears to put his own pursuit of continued power ahead of the health of Polish democracy.

The departure of Waldemar Pawlak, the latest victim of the President's game of divide and rule, would in itself be no loss to Poland. All the Peasant Party leader's instincts run counter to Poland's drive to modernise. He has been insufficiently tough on inflation and has held up further privatisation, which he views with veiled hostility. He is suspicious of the European Union, which Poland formally applied to join last year. And although his party is the junior member of the governing coalition, he has used his position to cushion the Polish farm lobby, the basis of his electoral support.

Mr Walesa's attacks on Mr Pawlak would, however, have more credibility if he had not been equally ready to sabotage earlier governments which were both anti-Communist and solidly reformist. He exploited popular misgivings about the hardships inherent in the early stages of Poland's highly successful "shock therapy" to bring down the Governments first of Tadeusz Mazowieki, then of the lawyer from his own Solidarity party, Jan Olszewski and, in 1993, of Hanna Suchoka. That performance to Poland's left-wing gallery helped, in 1993, to usher in the current Government, whose roots lie in the Communist past.

The tactics Mr Walesa has used to force Mr Pawlak from office, including holding up key ministerial appointments and then resorting to a threat to dissolve the Sejm, abuse the spirit if not the letter of his powers. With his eye on next November's presidential elections, he may hope to decrease his growing isolation, both within parliament and in the country at large, by projecting himself back onto centre-stage. But if his underlying strategy was to manoeuvre his political rival Aleksander Kwasniewski, the former Communist who leads the Left Democratic Alliance, into the premiership and thus out of the presidential race, he has so far failed. Instead he seems likely to be faced with Jozef Olesky, another Communist turned pro-market reformer, the man who was charged, in Poland's last Communist Government in the late 1980s, with negotiating with Solidarity.

Voltaire is said to have observed: "One Pole, a charmer; two Poles, a fracas; three Poles, the Polish Question." The charming Mr Walesa seems bent on proving that this unkind aphorism still applies to modern Poland. To remark, as he did last month, that the parliament elected in 1993 is "bad for democracy because it has too great a majority" is to play with tinder.

If Mr Olesky manages to form a government — which is by no means certain — it is likely to be more effective, and more resistant to presidential sabotage, than Mr Pawlak's. The suspicion grows that this would not suit Mr Walesa. But he should give it space to get on with government. As last month's survey of Poland by the OECD found, the country has made such huge strides to becoming a modern market economy that it is already a thoroughly plausible candidate for the EU membership its reformers crave. But political maturity is also important. If Mr Walesa cannot or will not learn the rules of the democratic game, he will deserve the defeat in the presidential elections which, to judge by his current standing in opinion polls, seems inevitable.

MIND THE GAP

He who is tired of London Transport is tired of life

Unreal City,
Under the brown fog of a winter dawn,
A crowd flowed over London Bridge, so many,
I had not thought death had undone so many.

T. S. Eliot did not write these words in *The Waste Land* for Steven Norris. But the poet's reference to Inferno has elicited from the Under Secretary of State for Transport an echo that is as far from Dante as Rickmansworth is from Ravenna. Sounding an energetic preference for travel by private vehicle, Mr Norris — the minister in charge of London Transport — described users of the Tube as "dreadful human beings". Let us call them DHBs for short.

That our metropolitan users of public transport have daily to endure dreadful conditions — which, mercifully, do not seem to include the company of junior ministers — does not of course make DHBs of them all. On the contrary, the average commuter is a noble soul with a camel's store of patience and philosophy. A man's destination is not, after all, his destiny.

London's Underground, readers will agree, can be a dispiriting place. The trains are slovenly, and always seem to run at right angles to their timetables; their drivers are crestfallen; station announcers all speak with their mouths full of soup. And little rats compete between the tracks with bigger rats — the ones at Embankment are the fattest — for shards of chewing gum and ageing burger scraps. (A return of the dustbins is surely overdue, as the Irish peace dividend for the Tube!)

Above the tracks, in carriages "tagged" by artistically-challenged delinquents, our minister's DHBs vie for space in a travelling bundle of briefcases, skirts and rumpled copies of *The Times*. The Underground has none of the panache of the Paris equivalent, portrayed so deftly in *Subway* by Luc Besson. One cannot picture Isabelle Adjani in a film about the Tube, or even a Calvados-drenched Richard Bohringer. Come to think of it, if there is a gap in the the great British cinematic *oeuvre*, it is the Tube movie.

Yet it is not all "carry on, Norris" down there. The London Underground has its own rare moments of charm. Fragments of a conversation overheard, a glimpse of graceful hands, the cut-price lilt of a young busker's guitar. And occasionally, above the drooping heads of other DHBs, one sights a line of poetry.

Highbury bore me. Richmond and Kew
Undid me . .
My feet are at Moorgate, and my heart
Under my feet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Unease over jobs on quangos

From Mr Geoffrey H. Lloyd

Sir, Your extensive coverage of the quango issue today correctly reflects the widespread unease about how people are appointed, despite Government assurances. The suspicions are fuelled by the Government's complacency, as indicated by David Hunt's belated decision to open up (a bit).

There is nothing new in nominating oneself to the Public Appointments Unit in the Cabinet Office; but it would be interesting and relevant to know how many people (as a proportion of the total) have been so appointed.

The public are entitled to be reassured that appointees have the appropriate abilities and skills which can be demonstrated by past achievements.

The idea of a "Who's Who" register of appointees, advocated in your leader, is sound. To achieve the transparency that the public rightly seek the volume should include the background and qualifications of appointees and the names of those nominating and appointing them.

I am less sure about your belief in publishing details of party affiliation. Often, an individual's political inclination can be correctly drawn by inference. Unless someone is openly a political activist it is never possible to know for certain where anyone puts their cross in the polling booth.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY H. LLOYD,
Longacre, 73 High Street,
Little Wilbraham, Cambridge.
February 7.

From Mr Anthony Goodman

Sir, Jack Straw's attempted rebuttal (letter, February 6) of Daniel Finkelstein's article on the "quangocracy myth" makes the extraordinary claim that "exit accountability" — customer choice based on the power to transfer custom — is founded upon "a spurious invented market".

Establishing the public's right to choose between schools and hospitals, and to take their custom elsewhere if these prove inadequate, is only spurious if, as Mr Straw apparently still believes, Whitehall knows best what each of our individual needs is, and that complaining about poor service within a monopoly is a better form of accountability than letting people vote with their feet.

My experience as a school governor in Brent tells me that the market enabled by establishing choice in public services is very real and essential, for all that Mr Straw and "new" Labour would like to bury it again within unresponsive monopoly provision.

Faithfully,
ANTHONY GOODMAN,
27 Dundonald Road, NW10.
February 6.

From Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, An unwitting consequence of Sir Iain Vallance's remark about junior hospital doctors (letters, February 2, 4) is the revelation that his wife is the appointed chairman of an NHS trust (report, February 2).

Whether coincidence or not, the dispassionate observer might be forgiven for thinking this was an example of the degree of incestuousness of influence in our society which can now be seen increasingly clearly as a by-product of Conservative policies over the last 15 years.

No wonder that there will be a change of government at the next general election.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN THWAITES,
Milnthorpe,
Winchester, Hampshire.
February 4.

South African mines

From Mr James Duncan

Sir, Your report of January 31, "South Africa strikes jolt foreign investors", on violence at Vaal Reefs gold mine in the Orange Free State, omitted to tell your readers that, in a radio interview on January 30, the Secretary General of the National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Kgalema Motlanthe, stated that "the confrontation was sparked off by the over-enthusiastic manner in which marshals enforced a bus boycott in solidarity with the Transport and General Workers Union".

Mr Motlanthe made no mention of the migrant labour system or of the hostel conditions which your report suggests were the causal factors of the violence, nor did these factors enter the relevant discussions between mine management and the union.

Your report conveyed nothing of how rapidly and constructively mine management and the National Union of Mineworkers worked together to defuse tensions and begin a process to resolve differences between employees. Had it done so, its message to prospective investors in South Africa would not have been so destructively alarmist.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES DUNCAN
(Public Affairs Manager),
Gold and Uranium Division,
Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Ltd,
55 Marshall Street,
Johannesburg 2001.
February 2.

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Rights and wrongs of veal protests

From Mr Eric Martlew, MP for Carlisle (Labour)

Sir, The issue of veal-calf export from the United Kingdom is a question not of "free trade" but of morality. I can think of no other example where the Government has outlawed a practice here on the grounds of cruelty and then apparently washes its hands when livestock is exported to the same barbaric system in Europe.

I maintain that we could stop this export of cruelty under article 36 of the Treaty of Rome, and I urge the Government to do so with all haste.

I do not condone violence to bring about change under any circumstance, and I see it as counter-productive in deflecting the argument away from the main issue; but the cynical way the Conservatives have prevented discussion of my Bill, which sought to stop British calves going to the veal-crate industry of Europe (report, February 4), has inflamed the situation. The people were denied the right to have the matter legitimately debated in Parliament.

The protesters will not go away. The vast majority are decent law-abiding people, many of whom I suspect are Tory voters, and care deeply about this issue.

Parliament will be failing them if democratic action is not expedited to reflect these widely held views.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC MARTLEW,
House of Commons.
February 8.

From Ms Joan Court

Sir, Sir David Naish states that a "sinister minority of boot boys in balaclavas" is setting out to hijack the genuine concern of farmers about animal welfare, and you describe animal activists as a "motley group of protesters" which include "calf-loving members of the Women's Institute" (report and leading article, February 8). This sounds a splendid mixture. How do we all get on, I wonder?

I am a professional woman in my mid-seventies with direct experience of demonstrations in Shoreham, Brightlingsea and Coventry. There are many middle-aged and elderly men and women on these demonstrations who do not quite fit into the descriptions above. Your readers may have seen some of us on television being dragged off by the police. We tend to wear scarves and woolly hats rather than balaclavas, but the latter do protect one's ears from being grabbed by the police.

The suffering of animals in factory farms, markets, slaughter-houses and in transit has been exposed by the media and documented by scientists, but it takes time to sink in, let alone to lead to a change in attitudes and eating habits.

Resistance to change is to be expected but we are a determined lot and we will not be silenced.

Yours sincerely,
JOAN COURT,
74 Sturton Street, Cambridge.
February 8.

From Mr Michael Newland

Sir, Animal welfare demonstrators would maintain that there is no difference in principle between a protest in a public place and one at someone's home, disingenuously by claiming that, subject to the lack of any violence, both fall into the category of "peaceful protest".

In reality a demonstration at someone's home is naked intimidation; it cannot be regarded as genuinely peaceful, any more than would be a threatening letter.

Until recently demonstrators knew very well that public sympathy would be forfeited by frightening people in their homes, and were reluctant to employ such methods. Since it appears that the public have grown too deficient in common resolution to apply the old sanctions, perhaps a new offence needs to be created — something along the lines of "domestic intimidation".

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL NEWLAND,
52 Leighton Road, NW5.
February 6.

From Mr R. J. Brissenden

Sir, To break the law and pay the penalty can be an honourable burden to carry. Has Bernard Levin ("Because it is the law", February 7) forgotten the suffragettes?

Yours sincerely,
R. J. BRISSENDEN,
11 Great Western Road,
Dorchester, Dorset.
February 7.

Swiss and the EU

From the Ambassador of Switzerland

Sir, I wish to congratulate you on the attractive picture Lord Rees-Mogg painted of my country and its economy (February 2; also letters, February 7). I appreciated his understanding of the Swiss people and thank him for the positive views expressed on my country's position.

He emphasised the importance placed on personal savings. May I point out, however, that Switzerland operates, together with its constituent cantons, a full welfare system which was just recently extended by the people, in a referendum, to cover medical charges.

In order to alleviate the negative consequences of the rejection of the European Economic Area in a referendum in 1992, the Swiss Government is negotiating a wide array of bilateral agreements with the European Union on specific issues, such as technical barriers to trade and public procurement, to improve access to our markets on a reciprocal basis.

It is, however, the declared policy of the Swiss Federal Council to eventually join the European Union, as stated in an official report to Parliament on November 29, 1993.

Yours sincerely,
FRANÇOIS NORDMANN,
Swiss Embassy,
16/18 Montagu Place, W1.

Drake's bones

From Mr A. H. Reed

Sir, If Sir Francis Drake had wanted to be buried in England (letters, February 2) he would surely have said so. During his last illness he gave a number of instructions for action after his death but sending his body home was not one of them. The expedition had been unsuccessful and had he lived he could not have faced the Queen empty handed, "for we must have gold before we see England".

Far better to leave him, as J. S. Corbett put it, "on the scene of his earliest triumphs, lying as it were in the cradle of his reputation . . ." (*Drake and the Tudor Navy*, 1898) than to dredge up whatever may be found for any of the reasons given in Mr Turner's letter.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. REED (Chairman, South West Maritime History Society).
Old Bridge House,
Uffculme, Cullompton, Devon.

From Mr J. F. Broxholme

Sir, Drake's "sea grave" has been secure in the deep for centuries. Technology, though, marches relentlessly alongside acquisitiveness. In the last decade valuables from the *Titanic* have been removed from great depths.

A properly organised expedition, to bring Drake home now with due dignity and honour, would at least prevent his appearance before long in an auction-house, and unseemly bidding for his bones. Who knows what, in addition to Drake, lies in his sealed lead coffin?

We may be sure plenty of people will wish to know, and that maritime equivalents of the metal-detector will help them find out, if the Admiralty remains mired in dim disapproval (report, January 25).

Yours truly,
J. F. BROXHOLME,
Oak Lodge, Valley Farm Road,
Newton, Sudbury, Suffolk.
February 2.

Work tax reform

From Dr J. R. Waldram

Sir, Unemployment has become a destructive cancer throughout the developed world. Politicians in all parties have the strongest reasons to wish it reduced.

When someone is dismissed the average personal unemployment cost to the Government in social welfare or unemployment payments is high, especially if loss of tax revenue is included. But the employer does not have to take this cost into account. Market forces lead to the best outcome for the employer, but not for the nation.

An extreme reform might be to give all employers a flat-rate allowance for each employee, equal to the personal unemployment cost (*pro rata* for part-timers). One might pay for it by introducing an "employment levy" on all employers, Government included. This, like VAT, would be proportional to the value which the worker's activities added to the economy.

On dismissing an employee the employer would lose the allowance. The system would be neutral in tax terms, but would favour high-employment at the expense of low-employment activities. It would make lower-paid workers particularly attractive to employers.

Obviously, to introduce such a reform with the employment allowance set at anything like the true national unemployment cost would cause drastic disruption. But it would not be necessary to set it so high. It could be introduced at a low level, which could be increased gradually to allow time for its economic effect to be monitored.

The system would be easy to operate within the present arrangements for National Insurance and VAT collection and would not affect personal taxation. It would generate not workfare but real jobs, efficiently governed by market forces for the benefit of the country as a whole. The level of allowance would be adjustable according to the state of the economy, giving the Chancellor a valuable alternative to interest rates as an economic lever.

Big difficulties do sometimes require big reforms. Why not?

Yours faithfully,
J. R. WALDRAM,
University of Cambridge,
Cavendish Laboratory,
Madingley Road, Cambridge.
February 6.

Seeking sanctuary for German Jews

From Mr Arieh L. Handler

Sir, For many years, I have refused to enter into the debate on whether if this country and others "would have opened their doors to the Jews from Germany and Austria the Holocaust would never have happened" (letter, January 28), but the letter from Dr John Fox, Editor of The British Journal of Holocaust Education (February 3), referring to this as "another legend", forces me to respond.

I had the unenviable task — from 1935 to the end of 1939 — to travel regularly, under most difficult conditions, between Germany and the Western countries, including Great Britain — with permission of the Gestapo — with the sole aim to persuade Western authorities to grant visas to young people, some in concentration camps, some expecting to be arrested. I did this in my capacity as director in charge of Jewish youth organisations in Germany.

I was travelling on a German passport which was not stamped with the initial "J" (for Jew), in order to enable me — again with permission of the German authorities — to travel in and out of Germany. I will never forget the support given to me by the authorities and friendly people, particularly farmers, in all those Western countries including Great Britain. But there is no doubt that if this country, and others, would have been more helpful tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of refugees and victims would have been saved, at least before the outbreak of war.

That is not a legend — that is a fact to which I and others are living witnesses. It should be an essential part of Holocaust education, the only way to make sure that it should never happen again — neither to Jews nor to Christians, Muslims, or to any human being.

Yours faithfully,
ARIEH L. HANDLER,
The Reform Club, 104 Pall Mall, SW1.
February 3.

Bombs at Auschwitz

From Mr Brett Radley

Sir, John French (letter, February rightly states the I. G. Farbenindustrie, situated next to Auschwitz concentration camp, was destroyed by Allied bombers in August 1944. The purpose of the bombing was to destroy a German armaments factor This was successfully achieved.

Given that the Allies were fully aware of what was going on with Auschwitz at the time, why did they not divert some of these bombs destroy the gas chambers, crematori and railway lines leading to them despite appeals from Jewish organisations in the free world to do so?

I am not suggesting that the 1 million deaths at Auschwitz would have been averted, but this action would have certainly slowed down the killing process.

Yours faithfully,
BRETT RADLEY,
50 Church Crescent, Finchley, N3.
February 3.

Crusaders' niche

From Professor Peter Gordon

Sir, The article accompanying the photograph of the eight identical shields from the earliest days of heraldry recently found in Israel ("Crusaders carve crude niche in history report, February 6) states that they await identification.

Surely they represent the arms of Sir Hugh Wake (two bars and three roundels in chief) who accompanied Simon de Montfort on his crusade to the Holy Land in 1240, and died there two years later.

Yours faithfully,
PETER GORDON,
Birtsmorton,
58 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, Middlesex.

From Mrs Beryl Platts

Sir, How odd that you should ask whether the crusaders' armorials found by Professor Stager at Ashkelon can be identified. These arms and many others were identified 15 years ago in my book, *Origins of Heraldry*, in which I showed that heraldry was established in Flanders long before it reached England.

The Ashkelon armorials are clearly the gold roundels on a red shield (his own tincures reversed) borne by younger sons of Eustace II, Count of Boulogne, who conquered Jerusalem in 1099 and whose descendants ruled the city for several generations.

Yours faithfully,
BERYL PLATTS,
9 Crooms Hill, Greenwich, SE10.

Stranger to a train

From Ms Caroline Flint

Sir, I presume that the "dreadful human beings" Steven Norris refers to (report, February 9) are the three quarters of the public who would sooner not have anything to do with Mr Norris or his Government, if you believe the opinion polls.

At least I can rest easy that I won't ever have to sit next to the dreadful Mr Norris on the Tube.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE FLINT,
256 Chiswick Village, W4.
February 9.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 9: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this morning presented The Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Opportunities for People with Disabilities, this afternoon attended the World Young Business Achievers Luncheon at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, Cadogan Place, London SW1.

Major Charles Richards was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President, City and Guilds of London Institute, this evening attended the City and Guilds College Association's Annual Dinner at Carpenters' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Departure of The Federal President of the Republic of Austria and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, King George's Fund for Sailors, was represented by Admiral Sir Brian Brown (Chairman of the General Council) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Captain Edgar Brown (Past General Secretary) which was held in St Andrew's Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam, Surrey, this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 9: The Prince Edward this evening attended the Lady Taverner's Reception at St James's Palace.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 9: The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this morning attended the prize giving ceremony of The Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education in the presence of Her Majesty at Buckingham Place.

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon attended the London Interseason Show at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this evening attended a Dinner to honour the Royal Anniversary Trust's Higher and Further Education Prize Winning Institutions at Guildhall, London EC2.

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 9: The Prince of Wales, Patron, the Purcell Tercentenary Festival, this evening attended a Concert Performance of Dido and Aeneas given by the King's Consort at the Wigmore Hall, London W1.

Dr Manon Williams was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 9: The Princess of Wales this afternoon arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Japan.

Viscountess Campden, Mr Patrick Jephson and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by the Hon Mrs Whitehead at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr Michael Somes which was held in The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, London, WC2 this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 9: The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Freeman, the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, was present this morning to witness the opening proceedings of the Trial of the Pyx, Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, London, EC2.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Missing Persons Helpline, this morning visited the offices at Roebuck House, 284-286 Upper Richmond Road West, London SW14.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 9: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Swada (London) Limited, Sugar House Lane, Stratford, London E15.

His Royal Highness later visited Kessler International Limited, Warton Road, Stratford, London E15.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS:
Benjamin Smith Barton, naturalist, Lancaster, Philadelphia, 1766; Charles Lamb, essayist, London, 1775; Samuel Plimsoll, inventor of the Plimsoll line for ships, Bristol, 1824; William Pember Reeves, statesman, Lyttleton, New Zealand, 1857; Boris Pasternak, poet and novelist, Moscow, 1890; W.T. Tilden, tennis champion, Philadelphia, 1893; Harold Macmillan, 1st Earl of Stockton, Prime Minister 1957-63, London, 1894; Bertolt Brecht, dramatist and theatre director, Augsburg, Germany, 1898; Joyce Grenfell, actress and broadcaster, London, 1910.

DEATHS:
Sir William Dugdale, Garter King of Arms 1677-86, Blyth Hall, Warwickshire, 1686; Charles Louis de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, philosopher, Paris, 1755; Alexander Pushkin, writer, 1837; Samuel Prout, watercolourist, Camberwell, 1852; David Thompson, explorer, Longeuil, Quebec, 1857; Francis Danby, painter, Exmouth, 1861; David Brewster, philosopher, Allerby, Melrose, 1868; Joseph Lister, 1st Baron Lister, surgeon and pioneer of antiseptic surgery, Walmer, Kent, 1912; Wilhelm Konrad von Röntgen, discoverer of X-rays, Nobel laureate 1901, Munich, 1923; Achille Ratti, Pope Pius XI 1922-39, Rome, 1939; Hugh Montague Trenchard, 1st Viscount Trenchard, Marshal of the RAF, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police 1931-35, 1956.

The marriage of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, 1840.

The use of the revised version of the Bible was authorised by the Church of England, 1889.

Conscription began in Britain, 1916.

New Delhi became the capital of India, 1931.

Pay-as-you-earn (PAYE) system of income tax was introduced, 1944.

Memorial services

Captain Edgar Brown, RN

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Admiral Sir Brian Brown at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Captain Edgar Brown, RN, held yesterday at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Cheam, Surrey. The Rev Iain Stewart and Canon Glyn Jones, Secretary General of the Missions to Seamen, officiated.

Dr Andrew Brown, son, read from the works of John Donne, Captain M.G. Haworth, RN, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland, and Mr Kenneth Griffith read from the works of M.L. Haskins. Admiral Sir William O'Brien gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Brown (widow), Dr Anthony Brown (son), Mrs Andrew Brown (daughter-in-law), Daniel and Helena Brown (grandchildren) and other members of the family. Representatives of HMS *Osprey*, HMS *Nubian* 1964-66 commission, 826 Squadron Association, King George's Fund for Sailors, the Association of Wrens, the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, the Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society and other nautical charities.

Mr Michael Somes

Princess Margaret was represented by the Hon Mrs Whitehead at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Michael Somes, ballet dancer, held yesterday in The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. The Rev John Robson officiated. Mr Anthony Dowell, Director of the Royal Ballet, led the bidding and Mrs Somes, widow, said a prayer.

Mr Leslie Edwards and Sir Peter Wright, Director of the Birmingham Royal Ballet, paid tribute.

Dr William Cole, organ, played excerpts from Alexander Glazunov's *Birthday Offering*, Constant Lambert's *Horoscope*, Ralph Vaughan Williams's *Saraband for the Sons of God* from Job and Stravinsky's *The Firebird*. Among those present were:

Representatives of the London Ballet Circle, the Royal Ballet Companies and Royal Ballet School, the Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund, the English National Ballet, the Dutch National Ballet, the Friends of Covent Garden, the Royal Swedish Ballet, the Vic-Wells Association, the Ballet Association and the Royal Academy of Dancing.

Mr Patrick Cobbold

Prince Michael of Kent attended a memorial service for Mr Patrick Mark Cobbold, President of Ipswich Town Football Club, held yesterday at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Roy McAllen officiated, assisted by the Rev Margaret Blackall. Major Philip Hope-Cobbold and Mr Ivan Paul, nephews, read the lessons. The Bishop of Chelmsford gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Roger Paul (sister), Mrs T Alexander, Philippa Viscountess Astor, the Hon Mrs Blount, the Dowager Lady Cobbold, the Dowager Countess Cairns, Mr Ned Cavendish, Mrs P T Clifton, Mr N Cobbold, Mrs R H Cobbold, Mr Anthony Cobbold, Mr Richard Cobbold, Mr M Faber, Mr and Mrs A J Gibson-Watt, the Hon Mrs J Green, Mrs C Haines, Mr Tim Hope-Cobbold, Mr Tom Hope-Cobbold, Mr Nicholas and Lady Kate Hunloke, Mr and Mrs C Kenney, Mr and Mrs David Paul, Mr and Mrs James Wells, Mr and Mrs R Sheehan, Mr Ian Paul, Mr and Mrs John Purcell and other members of the family.

Earl Kitchener of Khartoum, Viscount and Viscountess Hampden, Viscount Gough, Lord Hindlip, Lord Somerleyton, Lord Marlesford, Lord Monteagle of Brandon, Lord Napier and Ettrick, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Lady Rowley, Sir Michael Bunbury, Major Sir Fergus and the Hon Lady Matheson, Sir Roland Smith, General Sir Desmond and Lady Fitzpatrick, Major-General Sir Digby Raeburn (president, 3rd Guards Club), General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, Mr Owen and Lady Mary Varney, Colonel E I Windsor Clive, Captain and Mrs J Beauchamp-Jackett, Mr and Mrs Patrick Corbett, Mrs Edward Lane Fox, Mrs Robin Sheepshanks, Captain Michael Boyle, Mr J Inglis, Captain Guy Varney, Colonel A N Pakenham-Mahon, Mr and Mrs E A Windsor Clive, Major S G Weber-Brown, Major Tom Richardson, Mr and Mrs David Lumsden, Mr Kit Hunter-Gordon, Mr Selwyn Pryor, Mrs Jarrah Wickham, Mr and Mrs David Sheepshanks, Mr Peter Hill-Wood, Mr and Mrs Peter Cator, Mr and Mrs Edward Windsor Clive, Mrs Clare Evans Schreiber, Mr and Mrs Christopher Langley, Mr Gerald Rouse, Mr Giles Lascelles, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Dawnay, Mr Christopher Eugster, Mr Robin Higham, Major Timothy Gooch, Mrs Jane Drummond-Moray, Mr Cedric Gunnery, Colonel Alan Pemberton, Major A F F Napier, Colonel Christopher Wells, Mr Brian Fitzpatrick, Miss Pamela Leslie Melville, Commander Jeremy van den Arend, Major Mark Varney, Mr and Mrs Courtney Kenny, Colonel and Mrs Michael Mitchell, Mr J Michael Hoare, Mr Angus Warre, Mr and Mrs R J F Fitzherbert-Brockholes and Colonel Malcolm Havergal.

Mr M T Flick and other members of the Glemham Estate staff and workers, Major E A Woods (representing the Lieutenant-Colonel of the Scots Guards), Mr John Kerr (chairman, Ipswich Town Football Club) and Mrs Kerr with directors and other members of the club; Mr James Wilde (Blackpool FC), Mr Geoff Smith (Watford FC) and Mrs Smith, and Mr J Burnage (Millwall FC), Mr J Smeeton and Mr Elsom (Leicester City FC), Mr P Coates (Stoke City FC), Mr Jim Hunt (Oxford United FC), Mr Brian Truscott (Southampton FC), Mr D Alexio (Tottenham Hotspur FC), Mr Peter Hill-Wood (chairman, Arsenal FC) and Mr Ken Frair, Mr R Chase (Norwich FC), Mr and Mrs J T Cross (Liverpool FC), Mr Harold R Smith (Football Association and Suffolk County FA), Mr Michael Foster (secretary, Football Association, Premier League), Mr A Williamson (assistant secretary, the Football League), Mr Neville Chamberlain (Avon Insurance Combination), Mr John Motson (BBC), Mr John Bromley (SKY Sport), Mr P Welham (area commissioner, St John Ambulance, Ipswich) and Mrs Christine Scarlott (commissioner), Mr M Ramsay (Lloyds Bank, Ipswich and Eastern Counties), Mr Michael Wyndham (chairman, White's) and Mr David Ward (secretary), and Mr James Simonds (Hunters and Frankau) and Mrs Simonds.



Gail Rebuck, the chief executive of Random House, is 43 today

Birthdays today

Mr Larry Adler, mouth organist, 81; Mr Michael Apted, film director, 54; Field Marshal Sir Nigel Bagnall, 68; Sir Michael Bishop, chairman, British Midland Airways, 53; Miss Olwyn Bowey, painter, 59.

Dr Alexander Comfort, physician, poet and novelist, 75; Mr John Hayes, secretary general, Law Society, 50; Professor J. Heslop-Harrison, botanist, 75; the Rev Donald Hilton, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, 63; Mr Keith Mans, MP, 49; Mr Peter Middleton, chief executive officer, Lloyd's, 55; Lord Milne, 86; Mr Greg Norman, golfer, 40; Lord Orr-Ewing, 83; Group Captain Sir Gordon Pirie, 77; Miss Leontyne Price, soprano, 68; Sir Idwal Pugh, former Ombudsman, 77; Lord Justice Rose, 58; Mr Mark Spitz, swimmer, 45; Mr Robert Wagner, actor, 65.

Lecture

The College of Estate Management
Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, delivered a lecture on "Property and Civic Responsibility" at the University of Reading yesterday. The lecture was the first in a series organised by the College to mark the 75th Anniversary of its foundation.

Dinners

City and Guilds College Association
The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the City and Guilds College Association held last night at Carpenters' Hall. Mr H. Morton Neal presided. Mr John Kemp-Welch, Chairman of the Stock Exchange, also spoke.

Constructors' Company
Mr Denis Blackburn, Master of the Constructors' Company, presented the David Tong Cup award for 1994 to Mr Simon Jeffery at a dinner held last night at Painters' Hall in aid of the British Red Cross and a cheque was presented to Mr John Gray for the society. Mr Stuart Humby and Mr P.A. Everett, Senior Warden, also spoke.

British Academy of Forensic Sciences
Mr Bernard Sims presided at a friends' dinner of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences held last night at the Law Society. Dr Patrick J. Lincoln, chairman of the executive council, Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC, and Mr Tudor Owen also spoke.

Securities Institute
Mrs Gillian Shephard, MP, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Securities Institute at the Carlton Club on Tuesday, February 7, 1995. Mr Graham Ross Russell, chairman of the institute, presided.

The Anchorites
Viscount Goschen, Minister for Aviation and Shipping, was the principal guest at a dinner of The Anchorites held last night at the Café Royal. Mr H.G. Davy, presided.

Service dinner

Corps of Royal Engineers
General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a guest night of the Corps of Royal Engineers held last night at Chatham. The Duke of Westminster, Vice-President of the RE Museum Foundation and Earl Kitchener of Khartoum were among the guests.

Luncheons

Lord Campbell of Croy
Lord Campbell of Croy, President of the Anglo-Austrian Society, and Lord Clark of Kempston, chairman, entertained at luncheon yesterday at the House of Lords Dr Thomas Klestil, President of Austria, and Dr Alois Mock, Foreign Minister. The Austrian Ambassador was among others present.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts yesterday at a luncheon held at City Hall in honour of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Finsberg, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Lady Haynoe, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Sir Philip and Lady Dowson, Mr and Mrs Roger Boissier, Professor and Mrs Terence Burlin, Mr Sheriff and Mrs Jonathan Charkham, Mr Leopold de Rothschild, Air Vice-Marshal Michael Dicken, Mr and Mrs Peter McEntee, Mr Peter Goldsmith, QC, and Mrs Goldsmith, the Dean of Westminster and Mrs Mayne, Mgr Frederick Miles, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Malcolm Ross, Mgr George Stack, the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea and Mr and Mrs Jack Wigglesworth.

The Viscount and Viscountess Dunluce wish to be known in future as the Earl and Countess of Antrim, and the Hon Randal McDonnell as Viscount Dunluce.

Jewish Book Week

Professor Deborah Lipstadt will deliver the opening lecture on Sunday, March 5, at 8pm at the Royal National Hotel, WC1, to mark the publication of *Denying the Holocaust* and Mr Joseph Heller will deliver the George Webber Memorial Lecture on Thursday, March 9. Enquiries: 071 722 7925.

Reception

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, held a reception yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Dr Thomas Klestil, President of Austria.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor of Edinburgh University, will attend a service of thanksgiving and a special honorary graduation ceremony at St Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen, at 1.55 as part of Aberdeen University's quincentenary celebrations. The Prince of Wales will receive an honorary degree and attend the service.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Scottish Agricultural College, Craibstone Estate, Aberdeen, at 12.15 to see the work of the sustainable farming systems initiative.

The Duke of York, as patron, will attend the Lord Trenchard anniversary concert at St Clement Danes, Strand, at 7.15 in aid of Weston Spirit and the church's restoration fund.

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Corps of Signals, will visit 3rd (United Kingdom) Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment, Picton Barracks, Bulford Camp, Wiltshire, at 10.30.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will visit The Queen's Flight, RAF Benson, at 11.45.

Latest wills

Mr Anthony David Machell **Cox**, of Kirtlington, Oxfordshire, mountaineer, medieval historian and Fellow of University College, Oxford, who was also editor of the *Alpine Journal*, and president of the Alpine Club, left estate valued at £385,811 net. He left £1,000 each to University College, Oxford, and the Alpine Club.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mary Brenda **Maycock**, of Middleton on Sea, West Sussex, £1,215,630

Ivy Edith **Morgan**, of Merton Park, London SW19 .... £855,239

Mr Edward Trebor **O'Reilly**, of Lymington, Hampshire . £1,147,611

Mr Frederick William Ronald **Pinch**, of Benfleet, Essex, £1,623,582

Mrs Bridget Luola May **Scarborough-Taylor**, of Hertford, £847,802

Mrs Ruth **Wysard**, of Bradfield, Berkshire £1,234,713

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.K.Y. Al-Hussaini and Miss V.T. Garratt Carp
The engagement is announced between Waleed, elder son of Mr Khalid Al-Hussaini and Mrs Rasmiah Akram Hussein, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicolas Garratt Carp.

Mr C.B. Besant and Miss M.T. Keunen
The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of Mr and Mrs David Besant, of Mayfield, East Sussex, and Tessa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Victor Keunen, of Grindleton, Lancashire.

Mr M.G. Mankabady and Miss J.B. Bezant
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Professor and Mrs S. Mankabady, of Blundellsands, Merseyside, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B.K. Bezant, of Middle Preshaw, Hampshire.

Mr W.H. Mealing and Miss S.C. Nolan
The engagement is announced between William, only son of the late Mr William Mealing and of Mrs Esty Mealing, of Mickleton, Gloucestershire, and Clemency, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Nolan, of Horstead, Norfolk.

Mr A.J. Haggas and Miss A.F. Moore
The engagement is announced between Andrew John, third son of Mr and Mrs Richard Haggas, of Grove Farm, Otterburn, North Yorkshire, and Anne Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Moore, of Paget Croft, Gargrave, North Yorkshire.

Mr R.P. Harries and Mrs P.B. Argles
The engagement is announced between Mr Robert Harries, of Winsley, Wiltshire, and Mrs Pamela Argles, of Bath.

Mr L.G. Pendleton and Miss H.B. Morel
The engagement is announced between Lance, son of Mr and Mrs Daniel Pendleton, of Nevada, USA, and Heidi, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Morel, of St Brides-Super-Ely, South Glamorgan.

Marriage

Mr D. Werth and Miss J. Light
The marriage took place on February 8, in Las Vegas, between Mr Darren Werth and Miss Jamie Light, both of Southgate, London.

Recorders

The following have been appointed Recorders. The Lord Chancellor has assigned them to the South Eastern and Western Circuits as indicated:

South Eastern Circuit
Peter Charles Ader, David Maurice Altaras, Anthony John Anderson, QC, Richard Victor Montague Edward Behar, Christopher Robin Berry, Michael Ian Birnbaum QC, Bruce Graeme Donald Blair QC, Oliver Simon Peter Blunt QC, Jonathan Michael Caplan QC, Thomas Anthony Clover, Mrs Laura Mary Cox QC, Peter Crampin QC, Nicholas Crichton, Philip Curl, Alasdair Malcolm Darroch, Richard Charles Elly.

Francis Walton Hermit Evans QC, Martin Charles Field, Ian Walter Geering QC, David Cliff Gerrey, Miss Elizabeth Gloster QC, Miss Joanna Greenberg QC, Stephen John Hall, Ernst Thomas Horridge, Miss Rosamund Horwood-Smart, Miss Judith Caroline Anne Hughes QC, Miss Joanna Christian Mary Korner QC, Brian Frederick James Langstaff QC, Peter Heaton Latham, Jonathan Andrew Michael Lowen, Ms Caroline Mary Ludlow.

Mrs Suzan Patricia Matthews QC, Christopher Ian McGonigal, Warwick Nairn McKinnon, Miss Angelica Elizabeth Mitchell, David Richard Penton Mole QC, Gordon Stuart Murdoch, Michael Neil O'Sullivan, Nicholas David Padfield QC, David Philip Pannick QC, Witold Expedyt Pawlak, Mrs Rebecca Maria Poulet, Mrs Nadine Poggioli Radford, Brigadier Gordon Risius, Peter Francis Grosvenor Rook QC, Neville Leslie Sarony (QC in Hong Kong), Richard William Seymour QC, Rock Benedict Tansey QC, Miss Anne Wakefield, John Wardlow, Alan Fraser Wilkie QC, Miss Jean Adele Williams.

Western Circuit
Francis Arthur Abbott, David Alan Bartlett, Richard Henry Bond, Anthony John Scott Coleman, Nicholas Joynson Hall, Tom Longbotham, Frank Robert Moat, Michael Charles Norman, Michael William Roach, Jeremy Brian Storey QC, James Patrick Tabor, David Keith Ticehurst.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Ordinations
Diocese of Brechin
Penelope M Balfour has been ordained by the Bishop of Brechin at St Pauls Cathedral, Dundee. She will be a non-stipendiary minister at All Souls' Invergowrie and a non-stipendiary Episcopalian chaplain in the chaplaincy team at the University of Abertay, Dundee.

Diocese of Edinburgh
At the Priory Church of St Mary of Mount Carmel in South Queensferry, the Primus ordained the following: Ann Smith: Deacon. She will be a non-stipendiary minister at the Priory Church of St Mary of Mount Carmel, Queensferry; Michael John Fass: Deacon. He will be a non-stipendiary minister at St James, Penicuik and St Mungo's, West Linton.

At the Lanthorn Church, Livingston, the Primus ordained Alexander Milford Armstrong Deacon. He will be a non-stipendiary minister at Livingston Ecumenical Parish.

Appointments
Diocese of Edinburgh
Jennifer Margaret Jones to be Rector, St Andrews, Prestonpans. She is Deacon-in-charge, St Peters, Musselburgh and St Andrews, Prestonpans.

Jane Mary Millard to be Canon, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. She is NSM Diocesan Chaplain to People Affected by HIV/AIDS and member of the team ministry at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney
Catherine Snyder Gibson to be Priest-in-Charge at St Thomas: Aboyne, St Kentigern: Ballater and St Margaret: Braemar.

Jeremy Palsey to be Deacon/Curate at Buckie and Portsoy.

Margaret Eaton to be non-stipendiary mission priest at Bridge of Don.

Robert Haines to be Priest-in-Charge at Buckie and Portsoy. He continues as Rector at Turriff, Cuminestown and Banff.

Joan Shepherd to be a non-stipendiary Bishop's Chaplain for training and education in Aberdeen and Orkney diocese.

Resignations
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney
The Rev James Thompson of Buckie and Portsoy retired from February 4. The Rev Denis Philip Bovey is retiring from Inverurie, Alford, Auchindoir, Kenmay and Dufftown.

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BIRTHS

BARDWELL - On 3rd February 1995, to Lucy (née Godman) and Richard, a daughter, Anna Ursula.

COLEMAN - On February 8th at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Janet (née Bieber) and John, a daughter, Claudia Maisie, a sister for Max and Imogen.

DALLY - On 5th February, in Hong Kong, to Catherine (née Naylor) and Jonathan, a daughter, Louisa Kate.

ENGLISH - On February 2nd, to Dorothy and John, a daughter, Alice Christina Maud, a sister for Amy and Katy.

GODFREY - On February 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah Radclyffe and Bill, a son (Callum), a brother to Sam.

GREEN - On 7th February 1995, to Evelyn and David, a daughter, Elizabeth Alexandra. A sister for Charlotte, Natasha and Jonathan.

JORDAN LITTLE - Andrew and Christine of Bath are really pleased to announce the birth of their dear little daughter, Fern, at 3.30 pm on 8th February 1995.

LAWSON - On February 3rd, to Louise (née Kemp) and Gordon, a son, George Frederick Louis, a brother for Max and Charlotte.

MACVAY-MACDONALD - At the Wellington Hospital on 2nd February to Iain and Mary, a son, Alexander James.

NEWBIGGING - On 27th January 1995, to Linda and Bruce, a God given son, Alasdair Robert, baby brother for Katie, and a wonderful early surprise at only 29 weeks and 3lbs 12oz. All's well, thanks to everyone at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridgeshire. God Bless.

PELTZ - On February 3rd, to Elizabeth (née Wolfson) and Daniel, a son, Isaac Harry, a brother for Max and Francesca.

RICE - On February 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née St George) and Edward, a daughter.

ROCKE - On Sunday 29th January 1995, to Caroline (née McCarthy) and George, a son, George Frederic Barnaby.

ROSSINI - On 22nd January 1995, to Paul and Allison (née Woollacott), a beautiful baby girl, Lois Olivia Rita. Happy 40th Birthday Paul.

SORAB - On January 30th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Karen (née Lynch) and Adam, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth, a sister for Benjamin.

STEPHENSON - On February 9th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Lucilla (née Cary) and George, a son, Alexander.

DEATHS

BLACKETT - Sir Francis Hugh XIth Baronet (Major in Royal Dragoons). On February 9th 1995 peacefully in Hexham General Hospital aged 87. Beloved husband of the late Lee and much loved father of Angela, Polly, Hugh and Marcus and of his eight grandchildren. Funeral Service at Matfen Church on Wednesday 15th February at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

CAMPBELL - On February 8th 1995, Agnes Drysdale, aged 87 years. Widow of Ian Harrington McKenzie and of Ronald Campbell. Much loved mother of Colin and Neil. Funeral Service in Hope Park Church, St Andrews, on Tuesday February 14th at 12 noon thereafter cremation private at Kirkcaldy Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations in her memory to St Andrews Art Club, 14C Argyle Street, St Andrews.

CLARK - On 8th February, peacefully, Joseph (Nobby), so dearly loved by Morna, David and Fiona. His body has been bequeathed for medical science. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at The United Reformed Church, Warren Road, Blundellsands, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 14th February. All friends welcome. Donations if desired to the British Legion.

CROOKSHANK - See Linsley.

CROWTHER - Robin, aged 86 years, suddenly on February 7th in Paris. Beloved husband of Alison and father of Juliette. Much loved and deeply missed by his family and friends. A Memorial Service at the American Cathedral, Avenue George V, Paris, on Thursday 16th February at 2.30 pm.

CURRIE - On February 7th, peacefully after a short illness, Rear Admiral Robert Alexander Currie CB DSC* DL King Haakon VII Liberty Cross Norway 1945, in his 90th year. Much loved stepfather and uncle. No mourning at his own request. Date of Memorial Service to be announced later.

DAVIES - On 27th January 1995 in Crawley Hospital, Leslie Angus, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne. Funeral was held on February 7th at Crawley Crematorium.

FLEMING - Ian. Died 31st January 1995, aged 48. Greatly missed by beloved friend Colin Saunders & friends. Thanks to Kolber Clinic & Elizabeth Gaskell, C&W Hospital for help & support. Funeral at Tooting Cemetery, 14th February, 12 noon. Enqs: (071) 352-0008.

FLETCHER - On 8th February 1995 peacefully at home, Professor Geoffrey Bernard Abbott of Thirlmere Lodge, Elmfield Road, Gosforth, aged 91. Service at All Saints Parish Church, Gosforth, on Tuesday 14th February 1995 at 2.45 pm followed by private cremation. Enquiries to J. Bardgett & Sons Limited, Funeral Directors (091-273 9292).

LINSLEY - On 5th February, as the result of a car accident, Philippa, Alexa and Mark, beloved wife, daughter and son of Stuart and dearly loved daughter and grandchildren of the late George Crookshank and Alexa Douglas. Funeral Service at 11.30 am Saturday 11th February at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh. Flowers or donations to The Scottish Wildlife Trust c/o Thomas Morin, 64 St Mary's Street, Edinburgh.

MARSHALL - John on 7th February at home, aged 62, after a valiant fight against cancer. Beloved partner of Penny and loving father of Hannah and Joe. Cremation Tuesday 14th February at 2.30 pm at Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers, but donations in lieu for our district nurses payable to: Special Trustees Fund A/C. Grant 532 and sent to Caroline Healey, St Albans Clinic, St Albans Road, London NW5 1QY.

MILNE - Ernest Ferguson Milne OBE on 8th February peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Helena, much loved father of David, Susan and John. Adored grandfather of Katharine, Jennie, Bryony, Edward, Andrew and Alice. Private cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 12.30 pm on Thursday February 16th at St Andrews Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey.

MOORE - On February 7th 1995, John, of Stainforth House, Settle, North Yorks., formerly of Mainsfield, Settle, aged 89 years, former Master of Oakham School. A dear uncle and much respected member of the community. Funeral Service will take place at Stainforth Parish Church on Monday 13th February at 10.40 am, prior to cremation at Waltonwrays, Skipton at 11.40 am.

PARKER - On 7th February 1995, peacefully at home at Rodmell, Rhona Jessie, aged 86 years. Beloved wife and devoted mother and grandmother to two children and five grandchildren. Funeral Service to take place at Rodmell Church, East Sussex, on Wednesday 15th February at 12.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations if desired to Rodmell Church Restoration Fund c/o Cooper & Son, Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewes, BN7 2DD. tel. (01273) 475557.

PARKS - On February 8th 1995 passed away suddenly Patrick Christopher, aged 64 years. Dearest husband of Sally and dearly loved father of Edward, Geoffrey, Mary and William and grandfather of Thomas and Andrew. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Fairford, on Thursday 16th February at 1 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, High Street, Brompton, Gillingham, Kent.

SAWBRIDGE - On February 2nd, Keith Maxwell of W10. Pianist of exceptional talent. Cremation to be held Tuesday February 14th. All enquiries to Andrew Holmes & Son. tel: (081) 672-3277.

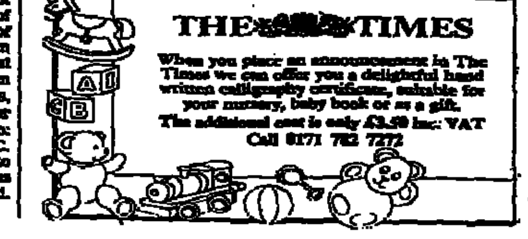
SOUKOP - Willi, R.A. Sculptor aged 88, died peacefully with his family in Glasgow on 8th February 1995. Late Master of Sculpture of the Royal Academy. Beloved husband of the late Simone Michelle, adored father to Michel and Anita, father-in-law to Margaret. Devoted grandfather to Deborah, Gillian, Anna and Erica. Treasured friend of Allian Dal. Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Saturday 11th February at 12 noon, reception following at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly. Family flowers only. At Willi's request, donations will be appreciated to The Artists General Benevolent Institution c/o Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1V 0DS.

SUTTON - On 3rd February, suddenly after a short illness, Paul Philip aged 41, beloved son of Freda and the late Philip. Much loved by sisters Judith and Beverley. Very dearly loved friend of Elaine Peterson. Funeral Service at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, W1, on Monday 13th February at 10.30 am, followed by cremation. Donations appreciated to the Secretary (John Hanby Holmes), St Endellion Festival Trust, 15 Alleyn Road, London SE21 8AB. Enquiries Kenyons (071) 834-4624.

TCHAKOV - Dimitri on 6th February peacefully at home in Bulgaria, aged 54 years, beloved husband of Nina and father of Gergana and Michael, former Assistant Commercial Counsellor, Bulgarian Embassy London and Managing Director, Bulgarian Vintners Ltd. Letters to Nina Tchakova, Sofia 1359, 'Lulin' B514, entr A, apt 25, Bulgaria.

TIDMARSH - On 7th February, very suddenly at Mary Fisher House, Harrogate. Muriel Elizabeth, very dearly beloved wife of the late Joe, a much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

WOODBURN KIRBY - On February 7th 1995, at the Winfield Medical Centre, Gloucester, after a long illness courageously borne, Joan. Beloved wife of the late Major General S.W. Kirby, CE, CMG, CIE, OBE, MC, (Peter). Funeral Service at Minchinhampton Church on Wednesday February 15th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to E. Goodwin & Sons (F/D) Ltd., 222 Barton Street, Gloucester. tel: (01452) 522956.



MEMORIAL SERVICES

PRINCE - Jonathan Nigel, 10th June 1965 to 21st January 1995. Much loved by Monica, family and friends. Celebration of Jonathan's life at London Lighthouse, Lancaster Road, London W11, at 4 pm 17th February. Donations if desired to London Lighthouse.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

CAMERON-ROSE - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Hugh Alastair Cameron-Rose will be held at the Church of St Lawrence Jewry - Next Guild Hall in the City of London on Thursday 9th March 1995 at 12 noon.

WHITING - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Arthur Noel Whiting will be held at All Saints Church, Hutton Rudby, North Yorkshire, on Wednesday March 22nd at 11 am.

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OBITUARIES

SENATOR WILLIAM FULBRIGHT

J. William Fulbright, United States Senator for Arkansas, 1945-74, and chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, 1959-74, died yesterday aged 89. He was born on April 9, 1905.

A "RAW boy from Arkansas" who went to Oxford before he had glimpsed Washington or New York, William Fulbright went on to become one of the most influential members of the United States Congress and a caustic critic of American Presidents from Eisenhower to Nixon. His outspoken opposition to the war in Vietnam helped powerfully to mobilise public opinion against American involvement in the conflict in Indo-China and much angered his old friend, President Johnson. In Britain the number of graduate students who crossed the Atlantic "on a Fulbright" ensured that his name was known to many who knew nothing of the man. To those who knew more, he was a considerable political figure, an extraordinary one to come out of Arkansas, blending the best — his enemies would have said the worst — of the patrician and the academic and, in foreign affairs, of the liberal also.

For 15 years from 1959 he was chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Except in very unusual circumstances this is a position of influence rather than of power, and Fulbright, unlike some of his predecessors as chairman, made little effort to discipline his colleagues; but the office gave him a platform from which to speak to the Senate and the nation.

His chief political impact came through the challenging series of televised committee hearings he held in 1966 on the Vietnam War. People then became glued to their sets — or rushed home after work to see verbatim recordings — much as they did during the famous Watergate hearings of 1973-74. Fulbright's interrogation of the leading Administration officers of the day served to educate the public in the over-contorted policies being pursued in a so-called limited war; his own opposition to President Johnson's policy made anti-war sentiments respectable on Capitol Hill, and he became a rallying point for other dissidents.

His opposition was the keener perhaps for his having been deceived as he perceived it, by President Johnson over the true details of North Vietnamese "aggression" in the Gulf of Tonkin incident in 1964. At all events it took only two years for Fulbright to move from managing the passage of the Gulf of Tonkin resolution to becoming an outright opponent of American intervention. This opposition nourished his overall drive, towards the end of his career, to reduce American commitments abroad which he elaborated in a series of major speeches and in two small volumes, entitled, characteristically, *Old Myths and New Realities* and *The Arrogance of Power*. In both, he was ahead of his time in advocating détente with the Soviet Union. It was one policy which, after the Vietnam involvement was concluded in the Nixon Administration, led him at last into co-operation rather than confrontation with the Secretary of State, by that time Dr Henry Kissinger.



James William Fulbright was born in Simner, Missouri, the son of a prosperous farmer and banker, but when he was nine the family moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas, which remained his home. There his father's activities expanded to take in ownership of a lumber company and of the *Northwest Arkansas Times*. Fulbright graduated from the University of Arkansas and then went as a Rhodes Scholar to read history at Pembroke College, Oxford (of which he became an honorary fellow in 1949). He added a law degree from George Washington University and then went back to the University of Arkansas to teach law.

Three years later, aged 34, he was appointed president of the university, an appointment partly at least a tribute to his family's standing in the state; but within two years the Governor responsible for his appointment was responsible for his dismissal, when Fulbright spoke out too vigorously for the independence of the university. It was a quarrel which the Governor had cause to regret. Fulbright went into politics, and into Congress in 1943. After only one term in the House of Representatives he defeated the Governor for nomination — and inevitable election — to the Senate seat which he was to hold for 30 years.

From the beginning, Fulbright's main interest was in foreign policy. In the House he had already sponsored the "Fulbright resolution" calling on Congress to support a world organisation for peace. Though he was for a time chairman of the Senate Committee on Currency and Banking, his reputation was made in the Committee on Foreign Relations, of which he became chairman in 1959. In his early years the tide was running strongly in favour of liberal, interventionist policies — the terms were interchangeable. Fulbright supported them all: the Marshall Plan, Nato, the Korean War, the various foreign aid programmes, in addition, of course, to devising the scheme for financing graduate study overseas to which he gave his name. After the Eisenhower interregnum, however, Fulbright found himself increasingly at odds with the policies of the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations.

The main point of difference was that Fulbright began to take less seriously the danger that Communist regimes would be imposed on unwilling states by force from outside, and more seriously the danger that the United States might prevent domestic upheaval based on a real demand for reform, and might find itself propping up unjust and unpopular regimes. Almost alone he advised President Kennedy against the Bay of Pigs attack, arguing that Castro was a nuisance, not a threat, and should be tolerated. That advice was privately given, and President Kennedy later handsomely acknowledged its justice.

Fulbright's opposition to the Latin American policy of his country became overt over the intervention in the Dominican Republic in 1965. On September 15 he made a public statement attacking not only the conduct of American policy but also its basis, and the lack of candour with which, he said, the Administration had expounded it. President Johnson reacted violently to criticism of his Dominican policy — even striking Fulbright, an old friend, from the White House guest list — but Fulbright had earlier aroused suspicion by his view that the Western powers had a share of the blame for the intransigence of the Russians over Berlin, and he was known to be increasingly critical of the course of events in Vietnam. In both these matters it is fair to say that he spoke out after the event, when the US already had commitments which were difficult to abandon; and he offered few useful suggestions as to what should be done.

It is too easy, however, to charge Fulbright with inconsistency or with moving away from his earlier internationalism. He would certainly have argued that changing circumstances required changing policies. The case of postwar Europe had been a special one. In the rest of the world the US was prone, he thought, to act too vigorously, whether her own interests or the good of the other peoples concerned was the test.

After Vietnam, Fulbright was also prominent and ahead of his time in urging a settlement between Israel and the Arabs. He argued forcefully that Israel "controlled" the American Senate, and he was appalled that the US saw little urgency in compelling a change from the post-1967 status quo. The war of 1973 saw his urgings adopted as official policy. Fulbright, although the Israel lobby came to suspect him, also repeatedly proposed a new commitment — a formal defence treaty for Israel with the US. It would come into effect as the ultimate guarantee once there had been a final settlement between Israel and her neighbours.

In domestic matters Fulbright was not notably liberal, though he was much too liberal for the militant Right. He did nothing at the time of the 1957 Little Rock segregation riots. His view on racial integration was that it must be left to "the slow conversion of the human heart". In that spirit he voted against measures to guarantee civil rights to Negroes.

It included signing in 1956 the notorious Southern Manifesto protesting against the Supreme Court's 1954 desegregation decision. He voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The reasons changed little from the one he gave publicly once in 1946: "The first thing, obviously, that every legislator has to do is get himself elected to office."

To most outsiders there is some inconsistency between liberalism abroad and conservatism at home. The cynical explanation would be that, had he taken any other line, Fulbright could not have retained his Senate seat from Arkansas. That explanation would be too simple — and wrong. Fulbright was no racist, and neither coward nor hypocrite. It need only be recalled that he was one of the few who dared to speak out against Senator McCarthy in his heyday. He respected emotions sincerely held, even when he thought them wrong. In foreign affairs and in home affairs alike he believed that one must work with the sentiments of the majority, not against them. It might be necessary to endure communism abroad and racism at home because militant action against them would have yet worse consequences and would be unsuccessful. For Fulbright — as for his close friend and ally, Walter Lippmann — moderation was a positive political creed.

It may be that Fulbright's preference for foreign affairs derived in part from his recognition that in that field he could speak less as a representative and more as an independent. For Fulbright was fiercely independent. He never troubled to practise the arts of building and maintaining a following, nor of creating for himself a special relationship with the President. When he broke with President Johnson, differences of policy were exacerbated by personal differences. The President was nervous of criticism and apt to see disloyalty to himself where none existed. The Senator would have denied that he owed loyalty to the President. He chose his line without consulting the White House not from a wilful refusal to co-operate but because he respected the freedom of action of the President as he valued his own. A natural tendency was probably strengthened by the great disappointment of his career.

In 1960 he was for a time the first choice of both President Kennedy and Vice-President Johnson — though never of the prospective Attorney-General, Robert Kennedy — for the post of Secretary of State. But the colourless Dean Rusk was ultimately preferred. There is no doubt that Fulbright was greatly disappointed, but he behaved with dignity and his later differences with the Administration are not to be ascribed to pique.

His moderation inevitably laid Fulbright open to attacks from both sides. It remains an open question whether it did him good or harm with the voters of Arkansas. He did less than most Senators to cajole them between elections. His interest in the affairs of his state was never paramount. Yet, poor though Arkansas was and is, there seemed to be a streak of independence in its voters which respected that of their Senator even when they thought him wrong.

They stood by him until his last great disappointment, in 1974, when seemingly sure of re-election for his last term, he was challenged by the popular young governor, Dale Bumpers. In Arkansas it is the dominant Democratic Party primary that settles the issue. Bumpers shook hands all over the state and talked of the mess in Washington. There was no perceptible policy difference between the two men, but the personable Bumpers managed to make it seem that old Bill Fulbright was part of the tarnished group in Washington, out of touch with popular feeling. Fulbright was defeated by a humiliating margin. He was embittered by the rebuff and there was further sorrow in the worsening health of his wife, Elizabeth. His friend, Dr Kissinger, offered him the consolation of the American Embassy in London in 1974 but, because of his wife's illness, he declined. He was appointed an honorary KBE in 1975.

Whatever the merits of his policies, Fulbright brought honesty, courage, moderation and intellectual distinction to the debates of a body which has not always shown those virtues. Sometimes, as with the late Adlai Stevenson, his value to his country may have been the greater just because of qualities which seemed to deny him larger personal success.

His lasting memorial will be the Fulbright scholarships which during the past 48 years have been awarded to some 200,000 students. He was proud of the fact that the funds spent on the Fulbright programmes were less than the cost of building one nuclear submarine. His last great pleasure was to see a young man, who had served as an "intern" in his Senate office, elected as the 42nd President of the United States. His gratification, if anything, was increased by the fact that Bill Clinton, like himself, had been a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford.

Fulbright's first wife died in 1985. In 1990 he married Harriet Mayor. She, and the two daughters of his first marriage, survive him.

RICHARD BURNELL



Richard Burnell, Olympic gold medalist and *The Times* rowing correspondent, 1946-67, died on January 29 aged 77. He was born on July 26, 1917.

RICHARD Burnell achieved his Olympic triumph at the Games held in Britain in 1948, when he entranced the home crowd at Henley by coming first with Bert Bushnell in the Double Scull, thus emulating his father who won an Olympic gold medal as a member of the British eight in 1908.

Two more Henley wins followed for the younger Bushnell: in the Grand Eights in 1949 and the Double Sculls, with Pat Bradley, in 1951. These Henley successes were separated by a bronze medal in 1950 in the British Commonwealth Games when he captained the eight.

Richard Desborough Burnell's dedication to rowing began at Eton, where he became Captain of Boats. He first raced at Henley in the Ladies Plate between 1934 and 1936, reaching the final in 1935. He represented Magdalen College, Oxford, at Henley in eights and fours in 1937 and 1938 before switching to his favoured single scull in 1939 after rowing for Oxford in the Boat Race.

During the Second World War he served as a captain in the Rifle Brigade and the Northumberland Fusilliers. The story of his crossing through enemy lines with his batman to honour a holiday invitation is still recounted.

After the war he won the Wingfield Sculls and the Grand Eights at Henley with Leander in 1946, the year in which he became rowing correspondent for *The Times*, a post he held until 1967 when he switched to *The Sunday Times* where he remained as rowing correspondent until 1980. He continued to write for both *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, as a freelance, until 1990.

Burnell wrote histories of the Boat Race and of Henley, and a string of coaching books. His recent illness interrupted the completion of his history of Leander Club, which he served as secretary, captain, and, most recently from 1988 to 1993, as president. He was a steward of Henley Royal Regatta from 1965 and a member of the Amateur Rowing Association Council until 1968.

A meticulous keeper of records, Burnell was the official Boat Race timekeeper from 1967 to 1990 and one of the revivers of the renowned *British Rowing Almanack* in 1946. He shared his knowledge with a younger generation, even down to charts of the stream over the Henley course, which he had rowed, canoed and swum on numerous occasions.

He was a member, and subsequently alderman, of Berkshire County Council from 1957 to 1967 and was secretary and chairman of the River Thames Society.

Richard Burnell leaves a widow, two daughters and three sons, one of whom, Peter, rowed for Oxford in 1962.

SIR RICHARD DAVIES

Sir Richard Davies, KCVO, CBE, engineer and former Assistant Private Secretary and Treasurer to the Duke of Edinburgh's Household, died in Thorpeness, Suffolk, on January 30 aged 78. He was born in Ystrad, Glamorgan, on June 28, 1916.



BORN in the Rhondda Valley, Richard Davies was an outstanding student who went on to join the team which developed radar before the Second World War, enjoyed a career as a successful businessman, and years later become a member of the Royal Household.

Known as Harry as a boy — "Harry the Brain" to schoolfriends — Richard Harries Davies was educated at Porth County Grammar School. His interest in electrical engineering began at an early age when, as a teenager, he wired his parents' small home for electric light. After the installation, the apparatus was inspected by the local authority, approved, and the house connected to the mains, thereby ensuring that his family was no longer dependent on gas lights and candles.

He built his first amateur radio receiver also as a schoolboy, virtually from scratch, using biscuit tins and other pieces of scrap metal. He taught himself Morse code and qualified for a licence from the Post Office at a time when "ham radio" was still in its infancy. Once bitten, he retained an interest in amateur radio as a serious hobby.

After winning a scholarship to Cardiff Technical College, he finished an external course in engineering there, commuting each day on the train from his parents' home, and gaining a London University first class degree.

Shortly after graduating he took an engineering research post with a firm in Rugby. In 1938 he became a member of the Bawdsey Research Station in Suffolk, an Air Ministry establishment which was working on the development of radar. The work was top secret, and his speciality became "Identification Friend or Foe" (IFF) — a newly invented system which enabled friendly and enemy aircraft to be distinguished from each other.

He was sent to the United States in 1941 and assigned to the British Air Commission in Washington for the remainder of the war. His mission was a tough one for such a young man — to persuade the US Army and Navy to adopt the British system. Success came early in 1942 when, shortly after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, Washington came to a rapid decision to take up the British IFF system and put it into production. Davies served as a consultant to the American companies manufacturing the IFF units. Much of his work formed the basis of subsequent systems still in use for civil aviation air traffic control.

After the war, in 1946, Davies joined Ferranti, briefly returning to Britain before spending nearly twenty years as vice-president in charge of the New York office. From 1959 to 1962 he also served as president of the British-American Chamber of Commerce in New York, and was appointed CBE for his role in promoting British exports in 1962.

In 1977 he joined the Royal Household, becoming assistant private secretary to the Duke of Edinburgh. The job called for someone loyal and clear-sighted, but also skilled in technology and business; it was one for which Davies was ideally suited.

He served as adviser, speechwriter and later as the head of household to Prince Philip until his retirement in 1984, when he was created KCVO. He spent his remaining years in rural Suffolk, not far from the research station at Bawdsey Manor.

His first wife died in 1976 and he is survived by his second wife, Patricia, whom he married in 1979, and by two sons and two daughters from the first marriage.

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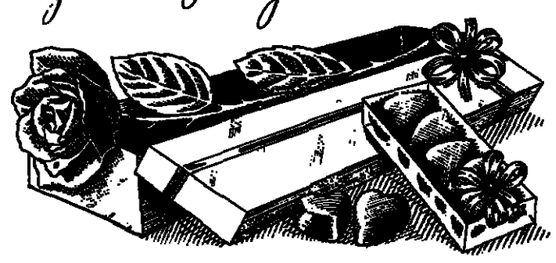
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DOWNHILL TITLE WON BY KILLY

From JOHN HENNESSY—Grenoble, Feb. 9

Jean-Claude Killy came into his kingdom at Chamrousse today. Obedient to the demands of almost all France, he won the Olympic men's downhill, the blue riband of the Games, in the grand manner. As skier after skier failed to reach the target set by the first competitor, Guy Perillat, also of France, it was clear within a quarter of an hour or so that Killy alone was capable of it.

Thus as Killy appeared at the top of the final stretch at the end of the Casserousse run, there was a buzz of excitement which grew in volume as he roared over the last *schuss*, now touching perhaps 80 miles an hour. "Jean-Claude, Jean-Claude," they chanted, rather as we at home urged on England at the time of the World Cup. Then his time was announced, 1 min. 59.85 sec. for the course of just over a mile and three-quarters (2,730ft. vertical drop), and he had beaten his friend by eight hundredths of a second.

Popular win

It was a popular victory, for Killy seems not to have an enemy in the world. Observers higher up the course confirmed that he and Perillat coped with the infamous "S" passage more fluently than anyone else, and Killy, in particular, mastered the bumps in a breath-taking manner, maintaining his racing crouch position in mid air where others were forced to stand up.

Certainly, Karl Schranz, admirable man that he is, sought no excuses for the defeat of himself and the other Austrians. In comparatively mild conditions skiers are prone to blame bad waxing when the times at the finish are not as they would want. But Schranz would have none of it. On the day, they had been beaten fair and square, and that was all there was to it.

Britain's best placed racer was Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson, who was 25th. Again, this may not seem much to write about, but it compares with the 44th place of Rigby, our best skier at Innsbruck four years ago, and is our highest placing in an Olympic men's downhill since before the war.

Palmer-Tomkinson's skis may have been in the habit of going fast. They were given to him by Killy. He had said before the race that he would be happy to get within six or seven seconds of the winner, in fact he was only 5.58 seconds behind Killy and only 5½ seconds behind Perillat. Those who know the handicaps to be overcome by British men skiers *vis-à-vis* their Alpine counterparts will be quick to realise the merit of Palmer-Tomkinson's run today.

All along the line the British team's performance surpassed that of four years ago. Ian Todd's 2 min. 10 sec. put him in 44th position (compared with the 50th position of the second man at Innsbruck), Luke O'Reilly was 50th in 2min. 10.99sec. (compared with 56th) and David Borradaile was 56th in 2min. 17.31sec. (compared with a non-finisher).

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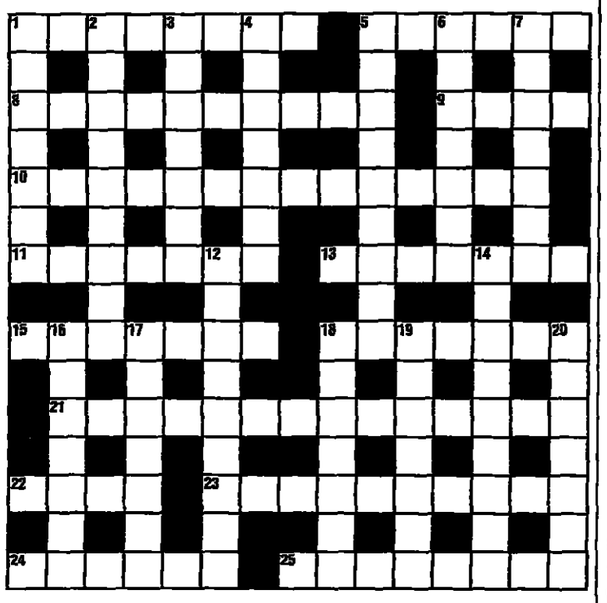
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Wednesday: Highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon, & Guernsey, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, -3C (26F); highest rainfall: Poole, Dorset, 0.69in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 8.3hr.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

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☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England:** cloudy and wet then brighter for a time in late morning. Further rain in afternoon. Clearing in evening. Winds light SE or variable. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **E England, W Midlands, S Wales, Central N:** cloudy and wet. Rain clearing in morning. Mainly dry but cloudy in afternoon. Winds light SE. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** rain sleet or snow. Some heavy snowfalls in hilly areas. Snow at low levels in places. Clearing from the south in afternoon. Winds strong SE decreasing later. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland:** clear and dry at first, sunny intervals. Cloud with rain, sleet or snow spreading from south in afternoon. Winds brisk SE. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** clear or sunny with isolated snow showers. Winds N light. Max 2C (35F).

☐ **Outlook:** cloudy, rain at times, snow at first in north. Becoming milder from south.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.3	0.06	2	36	sn	Leeds	-	0.11	3	37	sn
Anglesey	-	0.06	5	41	c	Lerwick	4.8	0.02	3	38	sn
Aspatria	-	-	2	36	c	Leuchars	7.5	-	3	37	s
Aviemore	3.1	0.01	1	34	sn	Liverpool	-	0.07	3	37	sn
Belfast	4.2	0.03	4	39	b	London	-	0.30	10	50	r
Birmingham	-	0.22	4	39	r	Lowestoft	-	0.51	3	37	r
Bognor R	1.4	0.56	10	50	sh	Manchester	-	0.12	4	39	sn
Bournem'th	0.6	0.47	11	52	sh	Margate	-	0.26	10	50	r
Bristol	-	0.40	11	52	c	Minehead	0.9	0.05	11	52	d
Buxton	-	0.20	1	34	sn	Morecambe	-	0.21	3	37	du
Cardiff	-	0.23	10	50	r	Newquay	1.0	0.22	10	50	c
Clacton	-	0.12	8	46	d	Penzance	4.9	0.35	x	x	b
Colwyn Bay	-	0.31	5	41	d	Plymouth	3.6	0.26	12	54	s
Cromer	-	0.16	3	37	sl	Poole	0.3	0.69	11	52	sh
Doncaster	-	0.13	4	39	r	Scarboro'	-	0.06	3	37	c
Eastbourne	0.4	0.62	11	52	r	Scilly Isles	4.2	0.35	12	54	sh
Edinburgh	5.4	-	2	36	s	Shrewsbury	-	0.04	3	37	r
Eskdalemuir	4.3	-	1	34	s	Skegness	-	0.22	4	39	sl
Exmouth	0.2	0.17	11	52	c	Southend	0.2	0.10	11	52	sh
Falmouth	x	0.38	11	52	sh	Southport	-	0.08	3	37	sn
Fishguard	0.8	0.09	9	48	c	Southsea	1.4	0.61	11	52	r
Folkestone	1.7	0.45	12	54	r	Stornoway	4.4	-	2	36	b
Glasgow	7.8	-	3	37	s	Swanage	0.8	0.51	10	50	sh
Guernsey	3.1	0.13	12	54	sh	Teignmouth	-	0.19	11	52	sh
Hastings	1.0	0.63	11	52	r	Tenby	0.5	0.12	10	50	c
Hove	0.5	0.23	10	50	r	Tiree	8.3	-	3	37	s
Hunstanton	-	0.19	7	45	r	Torquay	1.5	0.33	11	52	b
Isle of Man	-	0.10	4	39	r	Tynemouth	3.1	-	3	37	s
Jersey	3.6	0.10	12	54	sh	Weymouth	0.3	0.55	11	52	r
Kinloss	2.0	-	2	36	b						

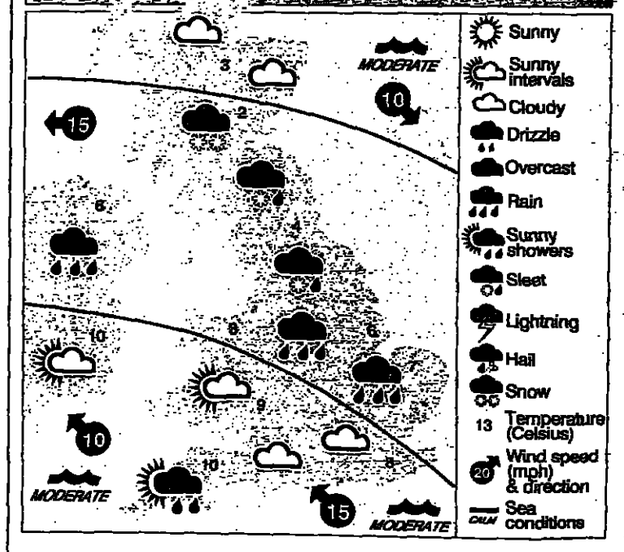
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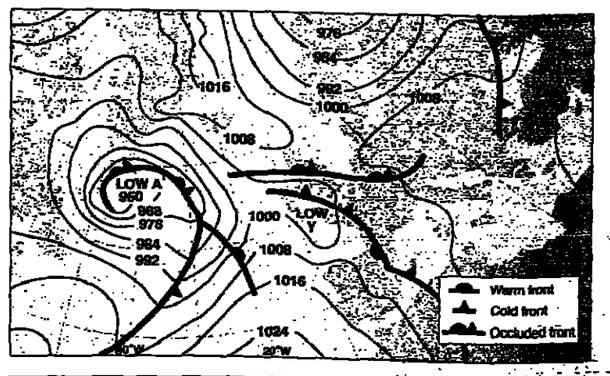
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Akrotiri	16	61	f	Corfu	15	59	s	Majorca	19	66	s	Rome	14	57	f
Alex'dria	16	61	c	Dublin	5	41	d	Malaga	18	64	c	Salzburg	7	45	r
Algiers	20	68	s	Dubrovnik	11	52	f	Malta	17	63	s	S F'risco	12	54	r
Amst'dm	4	39	f	Faro	17	63	c	Melb'rne	16	61	c	S Paulo	21	70	d
Athens	16	61	s	Florence	13	55	c	Mexico C	15	59	s	Seoul	7	45	s
Bahrain	19	66	s	Frankfurt	4	39	f	Miami	17	63	c	Sing'por	31	88	s
Bangkok	31	88	s	Funchal	18	64	f	Milan	7	45	c	St'kholm	-4	25	sn
Barbados	28	82	f	Geneva	8	46	r	Montreal	-17	1	s	Strasb'rg	5	41	c
Barcelona	14	57	f	Gibraltar	16	61	c	Moscow	-2	28	f	Sydney	26	79	f
Beirut	16	61	f	Helsinki	-2	28	c	Munich	6	43	r	Tangier	15	59	r
Belgrade	13	55	f	Hong K	21	70	s	Nairobi	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	16	61	s
Berlin	1	34	c	Innsbruck	6	43	r	Naples	14	57	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
Bermuda	22	72	f	Istanbul	9	48	s	N Delhi	22	72	s	Tokyo	10	50	c
Biarritz	12	54	f	Jeddah	23	73	s	N York	-3	27	s	Toronto	-13	9	s
Borde'x	12	54	c	Jo'burg	25	77	f	Nice	14	57	s	Tunis	20	68	f
Brussels	5	41	s	Karachi	30	86	s	Oslo	0	32	s	Valencia	20	68	f
Budapst	12	54	f	L Palmas	21	70	s	Paris	6	41	c	Vanc'ver	7	45	c
B Aires	30	86	s	Le Touet	7	45	s	Peking	9	48	s	Venice	7	45	r
Cairo	18	64	s	Lisbon	15	59	c	Perth	34	93	s	Vienna	7	45	c
Cape Tn	33	91	s	Locarno	11	52	c	Prague	-1	30	f	Warsaw	-1	30	f
Chicago	-8	18	s	L Angels	13	55	c	Reykjavik	-1	30	f	Wash'ton	-3	27	s
Ch'church	19	66	c	Luxembg	2	36	c	Rhodes	14	57	s	Wel'ngton	20	68	s
Cologne	3	37	f	Luxor	19	66	s	Rio de J	25	77	f	Zurich	7	45	c

Temperatures at midday local time, X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low V will drift east and fill. Low W will slide into France and gradually fill. Low A will rush north, deepening and filling



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Aberdeen	9:40	3.62	10:20	3.53	Liverpool	7:08	7.01	7:47	7.08
Avonmouth	2:08	9.67	3:07	9.74	Lowestoft	5.17	2.11	5:53	2.16
Belfast	6:56	2.98	7:36	2.84	Margate	7:30	3.74	8:07	3.78
Cardiff	2:07	9.14	2:50	9.10	Milford Haven	1:38	5.00	2:31	5.06
Devonport	0:34	4.22	1:41	4.15	Newquay	0:55	4.85	1:29	4.86
Dover	7:03	5.08	7:45	5.18	Oban	1:21	2.82	3:00	2.95
Dublin	8:03	3.38	8:28	3.30	Penzance	0:29	4.12	1:03	4.11
Falmouth	0:45	4.03	1:11	3.86	Portland	0:57	1.31	1:26	1.20
Glasgow	7:46	3.84	9:18	3.53	Portsmouth	6:46	3.80	7:52	3.73
Harwich	7:21	3.02	8:02	3.07	Shoreham	8:48	4.67	7:27	4.69
Holyhead	6:38	4.36	7:07	4.36	Southampton	6:30	3.89	7:28	3.85
Hull	1.45	5.61	2:26	5.74	Swansea	1:44	6.90	2:41	7.08
Ilfracombe	1:18	6.48	2:10	6.59	Tees	11:55	4.07	--	--
King's Lynn	2:29	4.73	3:00	4.80	Wilton-on-Nze	7:21	3.03	8:02	3.15

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10 1995

CBI demands Tories end Euro wrangle

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S business leaders have demanded an end to internal government wrangling over Europe, warning that arguments about a single currency must not undermine Britain's commitment to the single market.

Calling on ministers to set a positive agenda for European reform, Howard Davies, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry, said it was time to "recognise the reality of our current membership of the Union".

In a keynote speech, he allied the business lobby firmly with ministers who support progress to European integration. Britain could safely defer a decision on joining a single currency until economic circumstances made it an option, he said. But any withdrawal from the Union would entail enormous risks. CBI consultations showed that the "overwhelming majority" of business people were firmly in favour of Britain's continued membership of the Union.

Mr Davies's speech, in Norwich, came less than 24 hours after a group of leading businessmen wrote to *The Times* to highlight the difficulties that introduction of a single currency might pose.

Mr Davies said he was "not unhappy" with the Government's refusal to commit Britain to join a single currency. Rather, it was "eminently sensible" to wait to see how many countries would be in the core, and how Britain's performance on inflation and productivity evolves.

But in a clear warning about the limits of business support for the government position, he cautioned: "I would certainly not wish to rule out ... participation in a single currency, which could put us in a very awkward position in the longer run."

Mr Davies said Britain must take far more account of the aspirations of its partners and seek to shape the course of Europe from within. Pulling out would put at risk access to markets accounting for 60 per cent of exports, undermine inward investment and leave Britain obliged to meet European standards, without any say over them.

Rather, Mr Davies said, Britain must approach discussions over European legislation and the 1996 intergovernmental conference "from the perspective of a country pledged to continued membership of the Club".

He outlined "key areas" where Britain could seek to enhance competitiveness within the Union.

By backing German calls to enlarge the Union to embrace eastern countries such as the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Poland, Britain could trigger reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

Pushing for extension of the single market to energy, transport and telecoms would open doors for some of Britain's best companies and benefit Europe's economic efficiency.

More barriers would crumble if competition issues were settled by European, rather than national authorities. And politicians could do a great deal to improve the quality of administration by Brussels.

Instead of giving more power to the European Parliament, Britain could seek to ensure that existing powers were exercised more effectively, and seek to improve the scrutiny given to European laws by national parliaments.

Instead of opposing European social proposals, Britain should substitute its own policies to remove constraints on employment and assist labour market flexibility. Finally, Britain should insist on more cost-effective, Europe-wide environmental legislation, and prevent unilateral "protectionist" measures.

John Edmonds, page 25

SIMON WALKER



Elizabeth Forsyth arriving yesterday at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, which sent her for trial at the Central Criminal Court

Nadir aide is sent for trial

ELIZABETH FORSYTH, former personal aide to Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman, has been sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court — four months after her voluntary return to Britain for questioning by the Serious Fraud Office (Jon Ashworth writes).

Mrs Forsyth, 58, who faces two charges under the Theft Act 1968, made a brief appearance at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday. She denies handling £88,050 and £307,000 in stolen funds. Bail was extended on conditions including continuing to live with her 88-year-old mother at Great Dunmow, Essex.

Mrs Forsyth returned to the UK from northern Cyprus in September. She was chairman of South Audley Management at the time of the dawn raid that triggered the collapse of Mr Nadir's Polly Peck fruit to electronics group. South Audley handled his private tax and property affairs.

In a separate development, lawyers for Mr Nadir are expected soon to seek a stay of criminal proceedings against him. This could clear the way for his return to the UK, where he is wanted on charges of theft and false accounting involving £30 million.

BT redundancies and price cuts hit earnings

BY ERIC REGULY

BRITISH TELECOM yesterday reported lower third-quarter earnings as redundancy charges and price cuts overcame strong growth in the company's mobile-phone businesses.

The company gave no more details of the scale of next year's job losses. It said last month that fewer than 15,000 jobs would disappear in 1995-96, marking its final year of extensive job cuts. BT has shed 110,000 jobs since 1990.

Pre-tax profit in the three months to December 31 fell 5.4 per cent, to £660 million from £698 million in the same period in 1993. As a result, earnings per share declined to 7.1p from 7.3p. Pre-tax profits for the nine-month period were £2.15 billion, down 2 per cent.

The results were in line with analysts' forecasts. The shares, which fell more than 4p after the release of the results, recovered later in the day and closed at 397½p.

BT shed 11,200 workers in the nine-month period, incurring unusually high redundancy charges of £368 million compared with £292 million the year before. Total redundancies in the current financial year will rise to as much as 16,000, about 1,000 more than it had anticipated.

Excluding exceptional items, pre-tax profits rose by 0.8 per cent in the quarter and 2.5 per cent in the nine months, while earnings per share were up 3.1 per cent in both periods.

BT's overall call volume increased but price reductions of about 15 per cent last year led to lower turnover. The turnover from domestic calls, for example, declined by £184 million, or 4.7 per cent, in the nine months.

Turnover from BT's two mobile-phone businesses, BT Mobile, a service provider, and 60 per cent-owned Cellnet, increased by 43 per cent in the nine months. Marketing expenses in the mobile division were the main factor behind the £225 million increase in group operating costs in the nine months.

BT earned a pre-tax profit of £200 million on the recent $1.8-billion sale of its small holding in AT&T. The disposal has reduced gearing to 15 per cent from 24 per cent.

☐ BT has renewed its distribution agreement with Northern Telecom, the Canadian-based supplier of telecommunications equipment, for five more years. BT will distribute Meridian switches for private networks and Norstar switches for small offices, among other products. Northern expects to sell as much as £400 million of equipment through the alliance.

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Leap in imports widens UK's world trade gap

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

SURGING imports widened the UK's trade gap with the rest of the world in November, according to the latest Government figures, and City economists believe that it has since widened further.

The trade deficit for November was £640 million, after a revised £553 million shortfall in October, bringing the deficit for the first 11 months of last year to £8.2 billion, down from £12 billion at the same stage in 1993.

The Budget forecast for the whole of 1994 is an £11 billion deficit. Previously published figures for trade with the European Union (EU) revealed a sharp widening of the deficit in December, to £1.05 billion, which points to a full-year global deficit of below £10 billion, against £13.3 billion the year before.

Export growth remained impressive. A 3 per cent rise from October took exports to £12.1 billion in November. Richard Needham, the Trade Minister, said that exports were at record levels in both volume and value terms.

However, imports rose faster than exports, climbing 3.5 per cent to £12.7 billion, reflecting continued economic recovery. Most forecasters expect import growth to run ahead of export growth, as the competitive edge derived from lower sterling fades.

The latest three-month figures, which provide a guide to the trend in visible trade, showed exports up by 3.5 per cent in value terms and imports up by 3 per cent.

In volume terms, excluding oil and erratic items, such as aircraft and gems, exports increased by 5 per cent, while imports gained 3 per cent, suggesting a core improvement in the trade balance.

In November, however, volume exports rose by only 2 per cent, against a 3 per cent increase for imports. Excluding oil and erratics, the November deficit widened to £940 million, from £899 million.

C&G Bill has its last chance today

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Government has refused to take the Private Member's Bill to give thousands of Cheltenham & Gloucester widows a share in a £10 million payout on its own parliamentary schedule. The Bill, which was "shouted down" by Labour MPs last week, is due to be presented in the Commons again today.

Anthony Nelson, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, told *The Times* yesterday: "I've gone as far as I can in giving government support to the Private Member's Bill. I don't want to play party politics with it and if it is voted down today the chances of getting it on to the parliamentary schedule halfway through the term are very slim indeed."

The Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill is being presented by Douglas French, Conservative MP for Gloucester. If it is passed today it would also have implications for many thousands of investors involved in the much larger merger between the Halifax and Leeds Permanent building societies.

Alistair Darling, Labour's City affairs spokesman, has promised that the Bill has the backing of his party. Mr French said last night that he would try to take it through all its Commons stages and straight into the Lords in one go.

Former nurse gets the star treatment



Eileen Mulligan, from nurse to successful entrepreneur

BY JON ASHWORTH

A FORMER Harley Street nurse and a top City stockbroker are among the elite young British business stars, according to a survey that may turn out to be the ball and chain they can do without.

Eileen Mulligan, who markets a non-surgical facelift product to celebrities such as the Princess of Wales, joins Hector Sants, head of derivatives at UBS, the stockbroker, on a list of 40 "people to watch" under the age of 40.

Miss Mulligan, 32, joins Luke Johnson of Pizza-Express and Jan Fletcher, Veuve Clicquot 1993 Businesswoman of the Year, in a controversial list compiled by *BusinessAge* magazine. In five years, Miss Mulligan rose from working as a nurse in Harley Street to build an international cosmetics company.

Other "young blades" on the list include Trevor Finn of Pendragon, the car company, John Mayo, finance director at Zeneca, and Andrew Regan, chief executive of the Hobson food group.

This is the third *BusinessAge* survey of its kind — the previous ones were in 1986 and 1989. It sets out to identify the 40 managers and entrepreneurs destined to lead Britain's business community into the 21st century.

But a glance at the inaugural 1986 roll-call makes chilling reading. Then, people singled out for "exceptional management talent" included John Ashcroft, former head of Coloroll, and Gerald Ratner of jewellery infamy. Howard Hodgson, the former funeral king, was there along with Olivier Roux, finance director of Guinness at the time of the Distillers takeover bid. Alan Sugar, still labouring on at Amstrad and Tottenham Hotspur, also saw his name in lights. Sophie Mirman, once riding high at Sock Shop, joined the list in 1989.

To be fair, there have been successes. Richard Branson, Michael Green and Greg Hutchings all featured in the 1986 list. Howard Davies, of the Confederation of British Industry, made it in 1989.

As for Miss Mulligan, it seems the ultimate accolade is yet to come. She is rumoured to be set for a debut in *Hello!*

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3098.0	(+26.5)
Yield	4.20%	
FT-SE A All share	1525.42	(+11.77)
Nikkei	18099.55	(-190.70)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3940.75	(+5.38)*
S&P Composite	480.91	(-0.28)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¹⁵⁄₁₆%	(5¾%)
Long Bond	97²⁹⁄₃₂	(98¹⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.89%*	(7.85%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6²³⁄₃₂%	(6²⁹⁄₃₂%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	102½	(102²⁹⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5570*	(1.5537)
London:		
$	1.5585	(1.5525)
DM	2.3788	(2.3793)
FFr	8.2300	(8.2275)
SFr	2.0115	(2.0135)
Yen	153.82	(153.62)
£ Index	78.7	(78.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5277*	(1.5305)
FFr	5.2833*	(5.2945)
SFr	1.2927*	(1.2955)
Yen	98.85 *	(98.93)
$ Index	62.7	(62.7)

Tokyo close Yen 98.82

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Apr) $16.55 ($16.50)

GOLD

London close..... $376.35 ($374.85)

* denotes midday trading price

Shell sale

Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil company, has sold its interest in the $1 billion Collahuasi copper project in Chile to its joint venture partners Minorco and Falconbridge after failing to secure a buyer in an auction. Collahuasi is one of the largest copper reserves in the world. Page 23

Govett action

Govett, the fund manager, faces a $20 million legal action alleging breach of duty from a listed US fund it has managed since 1987. The action prompted a counter accusation from Govett. Page 22

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BAe and Saab join forces on fighter project



Saab's JAS 39 Gripen

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH AEROSPACE is to work with Saab Scania of Sweden to develop, market and build export versions of Saab's JAS 39 Gripen multi-role fighter.

The outline agreement, which needs approval from both the Swedish and British Governments, will enable them to offer the world's lowest-cost supersonic fighter-bomber to developing countries.

Gripen, which enters volume production for the Swedish air force next year, is a single-engined plane filling the gap between BAe's Hawk trainer/light combat plane and the state-of-the-art Eurofighter 2000, now under development, which would be too expensive for most export markets.

A Saab spokesman said: "We strongly believe we have got a excellent aircraft combining performance and economy of operation. BAe has a combination of expertise and an international marketing network which will enable us to find overseas customers."

BAe said the initial agreement was intended to cover development and joint production of export versions.

If export orders materialise, BAe would probably expect to do much of the extra development at its main fighter factory at Warton, Lancashire, and to manufacture components and sub-assemblies at its plants at Samlesbury, Lancashire and Brough, Humberside.

Final assembly would probably continue at the Saab plant in Linköping, southern Sweden, where production is about to begin, at a rate of 20 a year, of 140 aircraft ordered by the Swedish air force in fighter, ground attack and reconnaisance versions.

BAe collaborated closely with Saab during the Gripen development, which was funded by the Swedish Government. The wings were designed by BAe engineers, who are regarded as Europe's leaders in wing technology, and the first three prototype wing sets, and all the wing tooling, were produced in Britain. British components include the radar antennae pedestal from GEC-Marconi, leading-edge flaps from Lucas Industries, gearbox by Dowty and landing gear from AP Precision.

Commercial collaboration between European defence and aerospace companies has been gathering pace. Less than two weeks ago, BAe initialled a joint marketing agreement for regional aircraft with Avions de Transport Régionale, a joint venture between Aérospatiale of France and Alenia of Italy, which is intended to culminate in joint design and manufacture.

Govett accused in $20m lawsuit by American fund

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

GOVETT & Co, the fund manager, faces a $20 million legal action alleging breach of duty from a listed US fund it has managed since 1987.

The action prompted Govett to accuse Govett American Endeavour Fund (GAEF) of attempting to disrupt its recently-announced $250 million acquisition of Duff & Phelps.

News of the legal action sent Govett's shares sliding to close 38p lower at 311p.

GAEF has started court proceedings in the Northern District of California against Govett and its chairman, Arthur Irwin Trueger.

The action is also against Berkeley Govett International, which managed the fund, and against Govett Berkeley International Capital Corporation, a Californian subsidiary. It alleges breaches of the US RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organisations) Act.

GAEF's claim that it had terminated the role of Govett as manager of the fund was denied by Govett, which accused the GAEF board of "breaches of its fiduciary duties to shareholders" and said that it had recently informed GAEF that it intended to resign as manager in protest.

In a statement, Govett said it had delayed the effective date and announcement of its resignation at the request of GAEF, pending an expected decision by the board of GAEF to begin a formal wind-up of the fund.

The fund is due to wind up in 1996, when the shareholders would expect to recover value.

It was set up in 1987 with $100 million in capital and is 75 per cent owned by Firminbale, a Jersey-registered company.

GAEF said Firminbale had not been aware of all information regarding about investment decisions.

Graeme Elliot, chairman of the GAEF fund, who came in when the board was restructured, denied any intention to damage the Duff & Phelps takeover.

He said the new board uncovered a "pattern of wrong-doing".

Govett was found to have taken "a commitment fee of anything between 5 and 19 per cent which they did not declare to us and which they should not have done. Had we known this, we might have looked at the investments in a different light," Mr Elliot said.

Woman appointed to Lloyds Bank board

LLOYDS BANK caught up with its Big Four rivals yesterday by appointing a woman to the main board for the first time. All the other major high street clearing banks have women on their boards (George Sivell writes).

Lloyds yesterday announced the appointment on March 1 of Dr Bridget Ogilvie, 56, as a non-executive. She is a director of the charitable Wellcome Trust which has just sold its near 40 per cent shareholding in Wellcome, the pharmaceutical group, to its rival Glaxo. She started with the Wellcome Trust in 1979 as co-ordinator of tropical medicine and became a director in October 1992.

Sir Robin Ibbs, Lloyds Bank chairman, said: "My colleagues and I are convinced that Dr Ogilvie, with her experience as a distinguished scientist and as the director of the world's largest private charitable trust, will bring added strength to our board."

TONY WHITE



John Callcutt, Crest Nicholson's chief executive, on site

Home sales up at Crest Nicholson

By Our City Staff

AN IMPROVING housing market helped Crest Nicholson to a strong recovery in full-year profits, but the Surrey-based housebuilder and property developer expects 1995 to be tough in the wake of recent interest rate rises.

Sales had been improving steadily as the housing market recovered from the recession, but Crest says that rate rises "have shaken confidence".

However, John St Lawrence, chairman, said: "If the consequence [of rate rises] is permanently lower inflation, then it will be of considerable benefit in the long term and lead to sustained and real profits growth."

A slight pick-up in house prices and improved profit margins helped group pre-tax profits to recover to £11.1 million in the year to October 31, from £2.13 million. However, turnover fell to £249.1 million (£272.3 million) as property activity decreased.

Better margins helped the residential division's profits to jump to £14.1 million (£5.7 million) as house sales hit a record 1,832 (1,716).

Property division profits rose by 50 per cent, to £1.7 million, but there were fewer commercial property sales.

The construction division's losses deepened to £3.5 million (£2.4 million) as contracts at "unacceptable margins" were avoided. However, the order book is up by 50 per cent and a steady move towards break-even is hoped for this year.

Earnings per share surged to 7.15p (0.01p). A final dividend of 1.4p (1p), due on April 21, makes 2p (1p) for the year.

BUSINESS HOTLINE

Dramatic increase in mobile phones

A REPORT on the telecoms market — now worth more than £7 billion a year — published yesterday by the Office of Telecommunications, the industry's regulator, reveals that the use of mobile telephones is increasing dramatically and that British Telecom has managed to keep its dominance in spite of the arrival of more than 100 competitors in the past few years. The report, the first of its kind, says there were 2.3 million mobile telephone subscribers in 1993-94, up 48 per cent from 1.5 million in 1992-93. Industry experts expect the number to grow to at least eight million by the year 2000.

Revenue from the mobile telephone industry, including turnover from rentals and international calls, rose 21 per cent to £514 million over the same period. BT lost little market share over the two years. Its revenue from local, national and international calls (excluding freephone and payphone calls) was £5.1 billion, or slightly more than 89 per cent of the market, in 1992-93. A year later, it had 87 per cent of the market. Mercury Communications, BT's biggest rival, had 10 per cent in 1992-93 and 11.6 per cent in 1993-94. BT also had 98 per cent of the country's 26.6 million directly connected exchange lines in 1992-93. Its share fell marginally to 97 per cent last year.

Income plan summons

THE influential House of Commons Treasury Select Committee has ordered the West Bromwich Building Society and the Securities and Investments Board to appear before it next month to give further evidence on unsuitable Home Income Plans sold to elderly investors. Mike O' Brien, Labour MP and a committee member, said: "This affair has dragged on for years. No one seems to care about the victims, least of all the SIB. Every effort seems to have been made to brush this sorry saga under the carpet."

Daewoo eyes UK listing

DAEWOO, the South Korean industrial conglomerate, is set to become the first Korean company to offer shares in London. The car group is understood to have plans to list its shares in London in mid-March. It is believed to have begun consultations with Stock Exchange officials about a listing and is thought to have received initial approval. Daewoo plans to float $70 million worth of depositary receipts in London. There were reports last month that Daewoo was planning to build a £350 million car factory in Britain.

Refusal for Northern

NORTHERN ELECTRIC has been refused an appeal to the full City Takeover Panel over the controversial funding arrangements for the hostile £1.2 billion bid the regional electricity company is facing from Trafalgar House. Trafalgar's merchant bank, Swiss Bank Corporation, entered into what are effectively options on a number of regional power companies to finance the bid. The panel had earlier ruled that the SBC arrangements were not contrary to the City Takeover Code.

Impala leaps ahead

IMPALA PLATINUM HOLDINGS, South Africa's second-largest platinum group, is raising its interim dividend from 45 cents to 50 cents after a strong rise in profits in the half year to December 31. Income from platinum mining jumped to R229.5 million (£41.7 million), from R144.9 million. Attributable net profit was R128.1 million, against R83.3 million in the comparable half of the previous financial year. Implats' net cash position improved from R21 million as at June 30, 1994, to R81 million as at December 31.

Pearl sells Hallmark

PEARL ASSURANCE has sold Hallmark, its commercial insurance arm, to Hibernian Group, the Irish general insurer, for £10.8 million. Hibernian's UK general insurance branch currently generates £25.6 million of premium income. Hibernian said the acquisition of Hallmark would add to its existing mix of business. Hibernian earns 75 per cent of its existing premium income from commercial and private motor insurance, while Hallmark specialises in commercial property and associated liability insurance.

Calluna loss deepens

CALLUNA, the computer firm that joined the Unlisted Securities Market in October, made a £1.05 million loss in the six months to September 30, compared with a loss of £980,000 in the year-earlier period. The loss per share was 2.6p. There is no dividend. David Dace, the chairman, said the benefits of the October share placing, which raised £10 million, were not reflected in the figures and should be realised over the next several months. Revenue generated from Calluna's trading operations was increasing, he said.

Heiton rises 260%

HEITON HOLDINGS, the Irish builders merchant, revealed a 260 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to Ir£2.7million in the half-year to October 31, and told shareholders it hoped to attract overseas investors following its admittance to a listing on the London Stock Exchange. Earnings per share were Ir3.72p, up from Ir1.74p, and the interim dividend has been increased from 10.65p to 10.8p. The company said the result was due mainly to a larger market share and contributions from its Buckleys branches, bought last April.

Archer selling Turret

ARCHER GROUP is to sell 81 per cent of Turret Run-Off Services, which handles the business of 27 Lloyd's of London syndicates in run-off to Randall Holdings, the insurance services firm. The decision to sell follows Lloyd's proposals to license run-off managers. Archer is selling Turret for the value of its net assets at completion, about £300,000. Archer said that after the sale it would concentrate on its underwriting performance in on-going syndicates.

Canada Life assets soar on takeover

By Our City Staff

CANADA LIFE, the Canadian insurance company, will nearly double its assets after yesterday's acquisition of Manulife's UK financial services business. The deal includes Canada Life taking over the smaller company's unit trust and personal equity plans business, as well as its unit-linked life assurance company. Total UK assets will rise from £1.5 billion to £2.6 billion. The cost of the purchase, funded from Canada Life's internal resources, has not been disclosed.

Canada Life, which has worldwide assets of about C$25 billion (£11.5 billion), will also more than double the number of policies in force from 200,000 to 476,000, while premium income will rise from £235 million to £365 million.

Rye Mills, vice-president and general manager of Canada Life's UK operation, said: "The acquisition of the two Manulife subsidiaries represents a quantum leap for our individual insurance operation, and will provide the necessary critical mass to continue our expansion in the UK." The purchase of Manulife, also Canadian owned, requires approval of both the Canadian and UK regulators.

Photobition given £15.5m price tag

By Philip Pangalos

SHARES in Photobition Group have been priced at 150p each, capitalising the London-based graphic supplies and photographic goods group at £15.5 million when it joins the market later this month.

The company was founded 27 years ago as a photographic laboratory serving the exhibition industries, but has expanded to supply graphics and other related products to the display industries. It was sold to FKB Group in 1987, but FKB went into receivership in 1990 and Photobition's management re-acquired the business.

Photobition will raise £8.5 million through a placing by Henderson Crosthwaite Corporate Finance, with a net £2.9 million of new money to be used to grow and expand the business.

The shares being placed represent 54.8 per cent of the enlarged equity. Four directors who each own 25 per cent of the group will share £5.1 million and will dilute their shareholding. After the placing, directors and employees will hold 41.1 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

Eddie Marchbanks, chairman and chief executive, said: "Flotation of our group is an exciting development for us, our customers and our employees alike. It gives us the financial strength to continue to grow our business and develop new services for our client base."

The company made pre-tax profits of £1.01 million in the seven months to October 31, on turnover of £6.65 million. Photobition forecasts pre-tax profits of at least £1.67 million in the year to March 31, 1995, and a net final dividend of 3.6p.

The issue price represents a multiple of 10 times adjusted forecast earnings for the year to March 31, with a notional gross dividend yield of 5 per cent. Dealings are due to begin on February 17.



Marchbanks: new growth

Risk of repossession raised

By Robert Miller

MILLIONS face having their homes repossessed after the Government introduces its planned cuts in mortgage income support this year.

A report, *Mortgage Payers at Risk*, published yesterday by the TUC, says that "mortgage payers are facing greater uncertainty and insecurity through government plans to end income support when they are unemployed or sick. This comes on top of mortage payment increases due to three rises in interest rates since September, and the cuts in income tax relief on mortgage payments due in April".

The TUC, which carried out a survey of ten insurers that offer mortgage protection cover, adds: "Millions of mortgage applicants are ineligible for mortgage payment protection insurance cover and will be vunerable to repossession."

Those excluded from private mortgage protection schemes, says the TUC, would include part-timers working less than 16 hours. That covers about 2.6 million people together with a further 1.6 million on temporary contracts of less than 12 months. Those people who do meet the strict criteria for insurance cover face paying additional premiums of up to £30 a month on top of their monthly repayments. John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said: "The Government's claims that the new flexible labour market has created many more jobs must now ring very hollow to those .... who will not be able to secure mortgage protection insurance. We are calling on the Secretary of State to drop his proposals to privatise income support for mortgage payers."

Adrian Coles, Director-General of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said yesterday: "Repossessions were very high last year, at 50,000. If there is no official help to get us through this difficult phase in the housing market repossessions will inevitably increase again."

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.08
Austria Sch	17.73	16.23
Belgium Fr	51.89	47.59
Canada $	2.290	2.120
Cyprus Cypf	0.774	0.718
Denmark Kr	9.98	9.18
Finland Mkk	7.92	7.27
France Fr	8.67	8.02
Germany Dm	2.53	2.32
Greece Dr	392.00	367.00
Hong Kong $	12.67	11.67
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	166.00	152.00
Malta	0.613	0.558
Netherlds Gld	2.816	2.586
Norway Kr	11.00	10.20
Portugal Esc	256.50	238.00
S Africa Rd	- ref.	5.26
Spain Pta	212.00	198.00
Sweden Kr	12.22	11.43
Switzerland Fr	2.14	1.96
Turkey Lira	refer	61494.0
USA $	1.653	1.523

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS

In accordance with the standard conditions relating to the payment of the dividends declared on 11 January 1995, payments from the office of the United Kingdom Registrar will be made in United Kingdom currency at the rate of exchange of R5.5433 South African currency to £1 United Kingdom currency, this being the first available rate of exchange for remittances between the Republic of South Africa and the United Kingdom on 6 February 1995, as advised by the companies' South African bankers.

The United Kingdom currency equivalents of the dividends are therefore as follows:

Name of Company (All companies are incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)	Dividend No.	Amount per share
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☐ BT and Oftel harmony under threat ☐ Generators need two years to sing in tune ☐ Rhythm but no blues for the trade balance

It's good to talk

☐ AMIDST the battle-scarred landscape of the utility industries, where companies and regulators regularly hurl themselves across no-man's land at each other with bayonets and opinions fixed, one company has been able to live in remarkable peace with its natural enemy. BT and Oftel have appeared to the outside world to have an astonishly chummy relationship with each other, with the company readily complying with the regulator's draconian price formula.

Unfortunately the exchanges between the two sides in the last few days suggest that this fragile armistice is under threat. BT does not like Oftel's demand for accounting separation at all and has made its reluctance only too plain.

In many respects, BT is in danger of becoming a victim of its own success. In the past two years, it has turned Oftel's price formula, which compels it to cut prices by 5 per cent in real terms each year, into a powerful marketing weapon by cutting selected prices which will make maximum impact among both business and personal customers. Out has gone the peak morning rate, and in have come cheaper daytime international calls and directory enquiries.

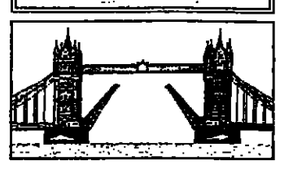
This may have pleased BT's customers but it has prompted a great deal of wailing from the company's competitors who have discovered it is no longer easy to grab market share off the industry leader. Oftel's market share figures yesterday, which showed a slip of only 2 percentage points in BT's market share, suggest that it is more than holding its own in the telecoms industry despite being now challenged by more than 150 competitors.

This is hardly likely to please Oftel, which has an interest in driving BT's market share as low as possible to make the British telecoms market look diverse and competitive. Compare BT's continuing dominance with AT&T, which only controls around 60 per cent of the long distance market in the US. By insisting that BT publishes its costs and the profitability of its various systems and services, Oftel is asking for some very valuable information. When the current blanket price formula expires in 1997, it would not be surprising if Oftel insisted on imposing something less crude in which it could pick and choose where BT cut prices. BT's response to Oftel this week was chilling. "... It has not been BT that has, *to date*, taken legal action against Oftel", it concluded. That veiled threat suggests relations could become very strained indeed.

Discordant dividends

☐ IN all the fuss and nonsense about Ed Wallis's share options, and the quite reasonable concern that the industry regulator will

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blight the future of National Power and PowerGen, one intriguing inconsistency over the forthcoming £4 billion generators sale has been missed. Just why have the two companies, which might be expected to sing from the same hymn sheet, recorded such widely different tunes on forthcoming dividends?

The answer, as so often turns out to be the case, tends more towards the cock-up theory of history than the conspiracy theory. The two companies, it appears, drafted divergent dividend announcements, and no one at the Treasury noticed the difference until it was too late to change the prospectus.

The result is that PowerGen, which has presaged an 18 per cent final dividend rise this year, looks distinctly meaner than National Power, with 24 per cent forecast. The reason is that while both companies have agreed to buy in up to 8 per cent of their share capital as part of the float, National Power has chosen to take this into account in setting the level of dividend the company can afford, while PowerGen reckons that the effects of the buy-in only kick in next year and therefore has not.

This is all terribly confusing to poor Aunt Agatha, who is being forced to buy the shares bundled together in any case. What she needs to know is that PowerGen will increase its dividend at a much higher rate than its rival from next year and the two will eventually come into equilibrium. But the hordes of overpaid lawyers who control the shots will not allow anyone to say this officially. It has been a pleasure to set the record straight.

Music to the Treasury's ears

☐ THE name of British Invisibles still bewilders many, but it often produces reminders of the huge contribution the services sector makes to Britain's trade balance. Its latest report, on the music business, shows that Mick Jagger, David Bowie and the like are economic powerhouses that put many of this country's traditional industries in the shade. The music industry generated gross overseas earnings of £1.16 billion in 1993 which puts it puts on a par with such success stories as the reborn steel industry and well ahead of arms (excluding aircraft), tractors, woollens and tobacco.

Since the Mersey Beat of the 60s, British music has been in demand worldwide and become a major net exporter, moving in the opposite direction to many of our manufacturing sectors now in minor key. Of the net earnings of £571 million in 1993, the invisible side of the music trade, such as royalties and performance fees, accounted for more than £490 million.

In the rhythm section, recording was the biggest single earner in 1993, with £323.8 million, followed by music publishing with £146 million. Musical instruments, part of the visible side of the business, showed a £26.6 million deficit.

Music exports were twice the size of imports and there are only handful of industries in Britain which can match that performance. The industry cannot afford to relax. The looming trade war between America and China has turned a spotlight on the importance of bringing the curtain down on intellectual property piracy. Otherwise, the glittering show could soon be over.

Shell sells Chilean copper project stake to partners

BY CARL MORTISHED

SHELL, the Anglo-Dutch oil company, has sold its interest in the $1 billion Collahuasi copper project in Chile to its joint venture partners, Minorco and Falconbridge, after failing to secure a buyer in an auction.

Minorco, the Luxembourg-based mining group and Falconbridge, the Canadian company, are together paying $195 million for Shell's one third interest in Collahuasi, one of the largest copper reserves in the world.

The sale follows Shell's disposal of Billiton, the oil company's metals division, which is being acquired by Gencor, the South African group, in a $1 billion deal signed last November. Gencor failed to buy Shell's stake in Collahuasi, which is owned in equal parts by the joint venture partners. Both Minorco and Falconbridge hold pre-emption rights over the Shell interest and will each own 50 per cent when the deal is completed in March.

In an attempt to secure a higher price Shell announced an auction of its interests last June but the process failed to come up with a buyer.

A spokeswoman for Minorco said that the company was not paying more for the Shell stake than it paid to join the Collahuasi venture two years ago, despite a massive increase in the world price of copper. "We have not exercised our pre-emption rights. We sat around a table and did a deal," she said.

Copper prices have almost doubled since the end of last year in a speculative rally but recent selling by hedge funds has taken some 9 per cent from the gains.

Minorco set a benchmark price for Collahuasi last year when it offered $110 million to Mantos Blancos, its quoted Chilean subsidiary, to buy in the latter's one sixth share. The price was set independently by a local branch of NM Rothschild, the merchant bank, but the deal was never sealed because minority shareholders in Mantos Blancos wished to see the outcome of the Shell auction.

Market sources suggest that prospective buyers may have been deterred from bidding for Shell's interest for fear that Minorco or Falconbridge would match bids up to and beyond $220 million by using their right of pre-emption.

The Collahuasi copper reserves lie at an altitude of 4,500 metres in the Andes in northern Chile.

Minorco said yesterday that the mine would produce between 300,000 and 350,000 tonnes in full production, with an estimated life of 20-30 years. It is expected to come into production in 1998 and Minorco and Falconbridge will together be investing more than $1 billion in it.

Lex management jobs go to cut costs

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

LEX SERVICE is cutting up to 100 jobs in a management shake-up of its car retailing business intended to reduce costs and boost the bottom line.

The motor dealership group said yesterday that margins would remain under pressure in a tough trading climate, and Lex is taking an exceptional charge of £14.5 million to improve returns in the traditionally low-margin motor dealership business.

The job losses include 50 staff at the Lex Retail Group's Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, HQ, while 30 general managers are to go from the dealerships. Further job losses are expected from the corporate office in London.

Sir Trevor Chinn, chairman, said the company was seeking ways to improve service and efficiency. "We are forecasting an environment where trading margins and volumes are going to remain under pressure for the foreseeable future," he explained.

Lex hopes to save £4 million initially from the restructuring, with more gains in the future. The company indicated that the £14.5 million charge in the 1994 accounts would be offset by exceptional profits from the sale of businesses and properties.

Lex is also strengthening management of Lex Autosales, its used car business, and plans 25 more centres next year.

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BTP cash call to fund expansion

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

BTP, the specialist chemicals group, is launching a £51.9 million rights issue to fund its expansion plans. The cash call — the third in three years — is on the basis of one new share for every six held at a price of 225p a share. The proceeds will be used to pay for a string of small, recent acquisitions and provide funds for further bolt-on acquisitions.

BTP has bought six businesses in the past 18 months for £27.2 million. The latest deal, announced yesterday, is the £3.5 million acquisition of a plant, in north Wales, which makes a key raw material for its Nipa range of cosmetics and toiletries.

Rob Martin, finance director, said the group is actively looking at a further six or seven acquisition opportunities which, if implemented, would cost about £30 million. "Negotiations are at varying stages," he said. "Some deals are very close, and some are over a year away."

The proceeds from the rights issue will eliminate net borrowings of £49 million. BTP has raised £140 million in the past three years to build up its core areas of biocides, adhesives and process chemicals through bolt-on acquisitions. Most of the new deals are in the adhesives area.

The group intends to recommend a final dividend of 7.15p (6.55p) for the year to March 31, making a total payout of 10.9p (10p).

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Tony Isaac, BOC's finance director, left, with Pat Dyer, the chief executive

Earthquake to cost BOC £3m

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

THE Japanese earthquake is expected to cost BOC, the industrial gases group, up to £3 million in lost profits due to the disruption of OSK, its subsidiary near Kobe.

The group said yesterday that the plant was still suffering from disruption and "severe transport difficulties" in the aftermath of the earthquake, which destroyed many of the roads in the area. This will hit profits in the first half of the year even though the group's Japanese employees have repaired the minor damage to the plant and restored full production.

The group, headed by Pat Dyer, chief executive, yesterday paid tribute to the fortitude and dedication of its Japanese employees, many of whom have been made homeless and lost relatives.

BOC outlined the damage as it reported a return to profits for the three months to December 31. Pre-tax profits were £89.4 million, compared with a loss of £8.9 million a year ago when the group was hit by an £85 million reorganisation charge.

Operating profits before the charge rose 16 per cent to 112 per cent, partly due to a strong performance from the group's vacuum division. Group turnover rose 3 per cent to £825 million.

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Bass blames Chancellor for sales fall

BASS, Britain's biggest brewer, blamed a fall in beer volumes on the rise in excise duty announced in the emergency Budget (George Sivell writes).

Sir Ian Prosser, chairman, told the annual meeting that takings in January were slightly below those in the same month last year, "reflecting perhaps customer reaction to the Chancellor's change of mind on beer duty at a time when discretionary income is traditionally stretched".

The volume of beer sales fall 1.3 per cent for the first 16 weeks of this financial year, which includes Christmas. Sir Ian said take-home sales also suffered from competitors' "cut-throat" pricing. However, the resultant shortfall in gross profits was substantially recovered by overhead savings. Exports showed "very strong growth". Sir Ian was confident of further progress despite demanding times for brewing and soft drinks.

Spurs says fine prevented payout

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, the quoted Premiership football club, has again passed its interim dividend and has largely blamed the absence of a payout on the £1.5 million fine imposed on it by the Football Association.

The decision not to pay a dividend comes in spite of a surge in Tottenham's pre-tax profits, to £2.06 million, in the six months to November 30, up from £644,000 last time, on turnover of £11.7 million (£12.3 million). Earnings per share rose to 8.6p (2.7p).

Alan Sugar, Tottenham's chairman, said that the cost of redeveloping Tottenham's stadium and last summer's spending on players also had an effect, but the blame for missing the dividend is placed on the £1.5 million fine.

The fine was imposed by the FA after allegations about illegal payments to players. An FA ban on participation in the FA Cup and a league points deduction were overturned on appeal, but the original £600,000 fine was increased to £1.5 million.

Mr Sugar said: "Our cash flow position was disrupted by the fine of unprecedented proportions levied ... This money would, in ordinary circumstances, have been available for dividend payments to shareholders or player purchases."

On the pitch, the club's decision to invest in international stars, including Germany's Jürgen Klinsmann, and the appointment of Gerry Francis as manager have brought rewards. Tottenham has moved from the relegation zone earlier this season to ranking sixth in the Carling Premiership, within striking distance of a place in one of the potentially lucrative European competitions.

Mr Sugar said that he was pleased with progress made since Mr Francis's arrival, but added: "It is with great regret that the partnership of Ossie Ardiles and Steve Perryman did not work out and it was a sad occasion to lose the services of both these gentlemen, whose hearts have always been with Tottenham."

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Third Quarter Results

Results for third quarter and nine months to 31 December, 1994

	3 months ended 31 December (unaudited)		9 months ended 31 December (unaudited)	
	1994 £m	1993 £m	1994 £m	1993 £m
Turnover	3,466	3,429	10,317	10,190
Redundancy charges	217	142	368	292
Operating profit	669	761	2,341	2,362
Profit (loss) on sale of group companies	33	(4)	33	(2)
Premium on repurchase of bonds	-	-	75	-
Profit before taxation	660	698	2,153	2,198
Profit after taxation	432	458	1,384	1,440
Earnings per share	7.1p	7.3p	22.1p	22.9p

Highlights excluding the impact of redundancy charges and non-recurring factors:

- Turnover up by 2.3% in the third quarter and up by 2.2% for the nine months
- Profit before tax up by 0.8% in the third quarter and up by 2.5% for the nine months
- Earnings per share up by 3.1% in both the third quarter and in the nine months

Chairman's statement

"The third quarter's results are creditable for a period in which our customers have benefitted from large price reductions and in which we have spent considerable amounts to develop our businesses. Growth in our cellular business has been particularly strong.

During the third quarter, BT entered its second decade in a sound financial state, well positioned to meet the challenges of a competitive marketplace at home and abroad, but facing an increasingly unpredictable regulatory climate in the UK."

Sir Iain Vallance
9 February, 1995

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Shares pass 3,100-level in best session of year

THE equity market shrugged off its recent lethargy and made a concerted assault on the 3,100 level. It failed to hold the high ground, but only just. The FT-SE 100 index recovered an early fall and by mid-afternoon had breached 3,100. It closed below its best, with a rise of 26.5 points at 3,099.0. It was the best performance this year, with a healthy pick-up in turnover also recorded. By the close of business 717 million shares had changed hands.

There was much back-slapping at the house of Kleinwort Benson, where equity strategist Edmond Warner was being credited as the reason for the return of investor confidence. He told clients on Wednesday night to expect a strong rise soon and warned them not to be hesitant and be left behind. Other brokers remain cautious about the outlook for equities and say today's producer prices in the US will be a tough hurdle for investors to jump.

Among leaders, **Reckitt & Colman** stood out with 7p rise to 646p. Word is that the disposal of its Colman's food business should be concluded in a week, or two. **Smith & Nephew** also added 2¾p to 167¾p amid vague talk of a bid from Johnson & Johnson, the US healthcare group. The story is not a new one, but the pick-up in corporate activity means speculators will not easily rule it out.

Food retailers closed lower on the day, unsettled by reports that Tesco is further developing its electronic loyalty card which offers customers bonus points. **Tesco** closed 5p lower at 244p. There were also losses for **Argyll**, 9p to 269p, **Asda**, 1p to 67p, **J Sainsbury**, 8p to 419p, **Kwik Save**, 4p to 552p, **Iceland**, 3p to 154p, and **William Morrison**, 2p to 139p. **Budgens** moved against the trend, with further bid talk lifting the price 1½p to 32½p as almost 2 million shares were traded. Elsewhere in retailing, **Boots** rose 8p to 484p after a visit by brokers.

Shares of **Govett**, the fund manager, tumbled 38p to 311p after learning that the Govett American Endeavour Fund had filed a law suit with the US District Court, alleging a breach of its duties as manager.

BT recovered an early fall to finish 1½p firmer at 397½p. Third-quarter figures revealed an expected downturn in pre-tax profits from £698 million to £660 million. This was struck after taking into account an increase in redundancy costs from £142 million to £217 million, lifting the total for the first nine months to £368 million.

Turnover in inland calls fell almost 5 per cent as the impact of recent price cuts began to take affect, and was only partially offset by an increase in volume growth of 7 per cent. But Sir Iain Vallance, the chairman, was cheered by 43 per cent growth during the first nine months in mobile communication sales, bringing the total number of subscribers up to 1.56 million.

The drinks sector continued to feature prominently, still rattled by this week's announcement that the Office of Fair Trading is inquiring into wholesale beer prices. The outlook for the sector was further clouded by **Bass**, Britain's biggest brewer, unchanged at 518p, which told shareholders at the annual general meeting that there had been a further decline in beer volumes since excise duty was increased in the new year. In a further development, investors were misled by erroneous reports that Foster's, the Australian brewer, is about to float off its Courage brewing division on the stock market with a price-tag of about £500 million. **Scottish & Newcastle**, unchanged at 498p, and **Whitbread**, 4p off at 527p, are both known to be interested in bidding for Courage, and brokers say a deal is imminent. Foster's bought Courage from Hanson in 1986, and set up Inntrepreneur, a joint pubs venture with **Grand Metropolitan**, up 6p at 383p.

Plans to raise £52 million by way of a rights issue left **BTP**, the chemicals group, 12p lower at 260p. The terms are one for six at 225p and the proceeds will be used to finance various acquisitions required to produce key raw materials.

Lex Service fell 6p to 282p after the new management team announced plans for a major restructuring of its motor dealerships which is expected to cost almost £15 million. The measures are expected to save £4 million a year initially. The shake-up follows the appointment last November of John Walden as managing director. His aim is to change Lex from a franchised structure to a regional based operation. Sir Trevor Chinn, the chairman, said trading remained under pressure.

Amstrad, the consumer electronics group, continued to make headway, with a rise of 6½p to 147½p, making a two-day plus of 14½p. Interim figures on Wednesday revealed pre-tax profits slumping from £1.7 million to just £25,000, although dealers are cheered by prospects and have been upgrading their forecasts.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Gilts finished with small gains in thin trading. Brokers said investors held back, awaiting the outcome of last night's 30-year US Treasury bond auction and speculation that the Bank of England will announce details of the next auction later today. It is expected to be pitched around the five-year level and commence on February 22.

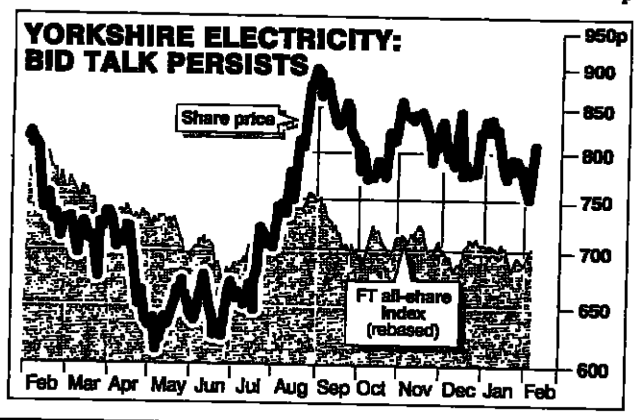
It was a similar story in the futures pit, where the March long gilt firmed three ticks to £102½, although turnover was restricted to 39,000 contracts with investors anxiously awaiting today's US producer price numbers. At the longer end, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 advanced £⅛ to £96⁷⁄₁₆, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 added three ticks to £98.

☐ NEW YORK: Hi-tech shares continued to lead the market as Wall Street extended its modest gains. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 5.38 points to 3,940.75. US treasuries were mostly lower, with the long bond down ⁷⁄₁₆ to yield 7.69 per cent.



Sir Trevor Chinn, Lex chairman, is driving to cut costs

Inchcape has gone some way to repairing the damage to its share price, down 3p at 307p, caused by the recent profits warning. Yesterday the company gave a presentation to 90 brokers and fund managers. Charles Mackay, chief executive, gave a positive run-down of prospects. The shares could be due a bounce.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3940.75 (+5.38)
S&P Composite	480.91 (-0.28)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18099.55 (-190.70)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8054.88 (+120.05)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	414.67 (+1.14)
Sydney:	
AO	1833.6 (+10.3)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2112.69 (+25.07)
Singapore:	
Straits	2085.01 (-6.61)
Brussels:	
General	7072.12 (+0.29)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1874.44 (+23.53)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	634.10 (+2.70)
London:	
FT 30	2358.2 (+20.5)
FT 100	3099.0 (+26.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	3440.7 (+25.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1347.04 (+12.64)
FT A All-Share	1535.42 (+11.77)
FT Non Financials	1653.21 (+11.59)
FT Gold Mines	203.4 (+9.0)
FT Fixed Interest	110.47 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs	91.77 (-0.03)
Bargains	24582
SEAQ Volume	717.6m
USM (Datastrm)	148.25 (+0.13)
US$	1.5557 (+0.0029)
German Mark	2.3787 (+0.0003)
Exchange Index	78.7 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2540
£:SDR	1.0585
RPI	146.0 Dec (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

First Russ Fts ($10)	573	+3
Gartmore Micro	96	...
Gartmore Micro Wts	41	...
Lazard Birla Ida	53¾	...
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	32¼	+½
MCIT S Cap (35)	34	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
Matheson Llyds IT (100)	81	...
Pentex Oil	90	...
Wessex Trust	10¼	...
Woodchester Uts	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cadbury Schws n/p	69	-1
Dares Estates n/p (4)	¼	...
Verity n/p (7½)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Schroders	1545p (+22p)
SG Warburg	751p (+15p)
Hepworth	291p (+6p)
Redland	449p (+10p)
Wolseley	798p (+6p)
Filofax	225p (+5p)
Waste Mgt Intl	333p (+10p)
Walmough	369p (+13p)
Brit Biotech	580p (+10p)
Provident	545p (+11p)
Amersham	789p (+14p)
Bespak	306p (+11p)
Reckitt Colm	646p (+7p)
Com Union	518p (+18p)
Gen Accident	540p (+14p)
Legal & Gen	455p (+10p)
Sun Alliance	316p (+14p)
Courtaulds	432p (+7p)
Wardle Storeys	340p (+13p)
BTR	321p (+7p)
Amstrad	148p (+8p)
Telspec	351p (+7p)
Tadpole Tech	242p (+12p)
FALLS:	
Greene King	479p (-6p)
Lex Service	282p (-6p)
Broken Hill	856p (-14p)
Mitel	305p (-8p)
Govett	311p (-38p)
Henderson Ad	978p (-17p)

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TEMPUS

Sleeping gas

THE economic statistics might depict a headstrong recovery on both sides of the Atlantic, but company figures show that the benefits are being spread unevenly across different industries. BOC Group has seen little gain in high margin cylinder gas sales since its main customer is the depressed construction industry.

In spite of this, the group is beginning to slough off the long-dead recession. Demand from the steel industry is lifting demand in the bulk, low-margin end of BOC's business and prices have at least stabilised, although few contracts are showing any increase. The group's forecast of a 7 per cent rise in its dividend this year is the best evidence of its confidence that this recovery will gather pace. Meanwhile, the vacuum division is making all the running, with 31 per cent profit growth in the quarter, on the back of a buoyant semiconductor industry.

The outlook is less promising in healthcare. Considering that the group set aside a £60 million reorganisation provision to shake up the division a year ago, the 6 per cent profit increase to £15 million is a poor reward. Without one-off items, such as the profit on the sale of the medical engineering systems business, the underlying performance is flat.

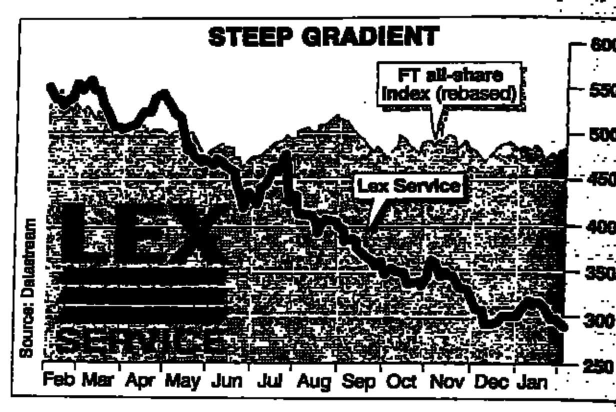
The performance should improve once BOC finishes distributing the modified vaporizers for Suprane, its new anaesthetic. But two more competitors are due to start manufacturing Forane, BOC's off-patent anaesthetic, further depressing prices and margins. The healthcare division looks like a wallflower in a fast-consolidating industry and is distracting the group from its industrial business.

Lex

WALK into any car showroom and you can hear the profits being shredded in the back office as the dealer talks up a sale. Few will be surprised to hear that one of the country's larger dealers is forecasting volume and margin pressure. For Lex, traditionally a bullish company, the admission that life is going to be tough indicates a new realism. More impressive is the determination to do something about it by cutting surplus management and forcing dealers to think beyond the forecourt.

Few companies in the motor sector can afford to take a £14.5 million hit but Lex boasts a large balance sheet and low gearing. The company is taking out an entire layer of management and organising the dealers into operational regions. In spite of the rationalisation of the last ten years, motor dealers still operate as small businesses and the restructuring at Lex introduces some modern logistics by forcing dealers in a region to share resources and reduce their stockholdings. That should help Lex to cut costs beyond the initial payroll saving.

If the market was fair, Lex shares would have gained value instead of shedding pence but investors fear the weak outlook for new car sales volumes. The company's answer is to develop the service business but the real untapped market is the private market in used car sales. If Lex could devise a strategy to lure those buyers, it would deserve a rerating.



BTP

BTP is asking the City to take a great deal on trust with its latest rights issue. The company is asking for £52 million to fund a clutch of eight deals that it may or may not pull off in the next few months. Even though BTP's management is well regarded and has bought wisely in the past, the market is not keen on blank cheques like this, and the 17 per cent discount of the rights issue price is ample evidence of the institutions' reluctance to back the issue.

The company could have easily made all the necessary acquisitions and then turned to the market for cash. Gearing would have risen as high as 90 per cent in the short term, but only if all the deals came off which was unlikely.

As it is, BTP is risking savage dilution if it does not complete the deals as planned. The City yesterday knocked around 2.2p off earnings forecasts for 1995-96 assuming that the cash will remain in the bank. Even if BTP spends the cash, the rewards are unlikely to come through quickly. Of the last six acquisitions, only two are now enhancing earnings while the others are coming up to speed.

On the reduced earnings forecast, BTP's rights issue is valued at less than 12 times earnings which is not expensive. But the group will have to buy quickly and wisely to return to the market's favour.

Spurs

IT SEEMS harsh for shareholders in Tottenham Hotspur to again be denied an interim dividend when the company has more than trebled interim profits.

The absence of a dividend is blamed on the £1.5 million fine imposed on the club by the Football Association in the wake of allegations about illegal payments to players.

Things could have been worse. Tottenham was originally fined £600,000, had six Premiership points deducted and was thrown out of the lucrative FA Cup competition. The points deduction and the FA Cup ban were overturned on appeal, but the fine increased to £1.5 million. The club's fortunes on the pitch have revived since the appointment of Gerry Francis as manager. Attendances are good and the share price has more than doubled in the past year.

There will be further benefits when redevelopment of the stadium is finished in April, which will increase capacity from 28,000 to 33,000.

The absence of a dividend is less painful for the directors since they are in the habit of waiving theirs. It is outside investors whose income is hit. Perhaps if Tottenham's fortunes continue to improve on the pitch, maybe Mr Sugar will loosen the purse strings by the year-end. It is, after all, a game of two halves.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	1000-999	May	1049-1047
May	1000-998	Jul	1060-1056
Jul	1011-1010	Sep	1070-1066
Sep	1021-1020	Dec	1084-1077
Dec	1031-1029		
Mar	1041-1040	Volume: 4269	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	2840-2838	Nov	2700-2695
May	2743-2740	Jan	2695-2694
Jul	2700-2695	Mar	2700-2670
Sep	2705-2700	Volume: 3509	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	347.2-45.4
Spot: 396.2		Dec	343.7-41.4
Mar	396.8-95.5	Mar	340.7-37.0
May	389.1-88.4	May	339.7-36.0
Aug	374.7-72.9	Volume: 3071	

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	86.18	118.28	119.52
(+/-)	-1.13	-1.73	-0.18
Eng/Wales:	86.18	118.84	119.14
(+/-)	-1.13	-0.13	+0.51
(%)	+18.0	+10.0	+8.0
Scotland:	unq	116.34	121.50
(+/-)	..	-6.96	-1.62
(%)	..	+2.0	+10.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.80	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.10	n/c
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.55	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.35	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.15	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 166 (+4)	O: 168 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	146 (+1)	147 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	149 (+1)	150 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	149 (+1)	151 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	104 (n/c)	106 (+1)
Naphtha	167 (+1)	169 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	142.75-43.00	May	146.25-46.50
Mar	145.50 SLR	Jun	146.75-47.00
Apr	146.25-46.50	Vol: 32559	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	17.10-17.12	Jun	16.44-16.46
Apr	16.58-16.59	Jul	16.42 SLR
May	16.49-16.51	Vol: 39920	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	109.10
May	110.35
Jul	111.85
Sep	99.10
Nov	100.00
Volume: 366	

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	102.75
May	103.75
Sep	97.15
Nov	99.20
Jan	100.85
Volume: 0	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	298.0	262.50
May	285.0	276.00
Jun	unq	unq
	Volume: 609	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Mar 122.25-122.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 95	2045	2030	2030
Mar 95	2040	2015	2015
Apr 95	2040	2010	2025
Jul 95	1776	1750	1760
Vol: 774 lots		Open interest: 3352	
	Index 1974 +9		

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2863.0-2863.5	3mth: 2845.0-2846.0	Vol: 3023075
Lead ($/tonne)	583.00-583.05	600.00-600.50	334600
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1029.0-1030.0	1051.0-1052.5	9173700
Tin ($/tonne)	5445.0-5455.0	5530.0-5535.0	30850
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1918.5-1919.0	1960.0-1961.0	2673500
Nickel ($/tonne)	8255.0-8260.0	8395.0-8400.0	145356

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Dom.	500	32½	40	50½	7½	16½	21½
(*518)	550	8½	15½	26½	34½	45	48
Argyll	260	17½	24	26	6½	12½	14½
(*268½)	280	8	14	16½	17	23½	26
ASDA	60	8	10½	11	0½	1½	2½
(*67)	70	1½	4½	5½	4	6	7½
Boots	460	34½	44	48	9½	14	15½
(*484½)	500	10½	22	27½	22½	34	35½
Br Airways	360	35	43½	48½	4½	12	15
(*385½)	390	16	25½	32½	16	25	28½
BP	420	17	26	32	13½	19½	22
(*422)	460	3½	11	15½	42	45	46½
Br Steel	140	16½	20½	23	2	4	5½
(*153½)	160	5	9	12	10	13	14½
C & W	390	23	33	42	9½	17½	23
(*400½)	420	8½	18½	27½	25½	33½	38½
CU	493	28½	—	—	12	—	—
(*518)	543	9½	—	—	44½	—	—
ICI	750	22½	38½	46½	33	39	45½
(*751)	800	5½	20½	27½	69½	73½	77½
Kingfishr.	420	29	35½	43	8½	20	24½
(*433½)	460	10½	17	25	29½	43	46½
Land Sec.	550	45	52	56	3	12	15½
(*585)	600	13½	21	28	20½	37	41
M & S	390	20½	25½	34	8	14½	17
(*399)	420	6½	10½	20	24½	30½	33
Nat West	460	34½	43½	49½	11½	16½	24
(*489½)	500	12½	23½	30	32½	37	44½
Sainsbury	390	36	43	48	3	10	11½
(*418½)	420	15½	23½	30½	12½	21½	24
Shell	700	35½	47	58	12	16½	23
(*727½)	750	9½	22½	32	41½	44	48½
Smkl Bch.	460	41	50½	58	5½	11½	16
(*494½)	500	15½	27	35½	21	28	33
Storehse	220	17½	22	24½	2½	6	8
(*231)	240	7	11	14½	12	17½	17½
Trafalgar	60	9	11	13½	1	2	2½
(*67)	70	3½	5½	8	5	6	7
Unilever	1150	46	66	88	27½	38½	44
(*1172)	1200	20	41½	62	57	66	71
Zeneca	850	56	71	89½	23	25½	32½
(*891)	900	27½	45	59	48	50	56

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met.	360	23	33½	38	0	5	9
(*382½)	390	1½	14½	20	9	16½	21½
Ladbroke	160	15½	19	23	0	4	7½
(*175½)	180	1	8	12	9½	12½	17
Utd Bisc	330	11½	18½	26	1	12	18
(*341½)	360	1½	7	13½	18½	31½	36

February 9, 1995 Tot: 47866 Call: 25306 Put: 22560 FT-SE Call: 7791 Put: 8950

*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	450	25	—	—	8½	—	—
(*462)	475	12	—	—	21	—	—
Thames W	460	33	43	47	5	17½	21½
(*482)	500	10½	20½	26½	24½	38½	42½

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	460	6	21½	28	5	25	33½
(*461)	500	0	7½	14½	39	53	60
BTR	300	21½	25½	32	0	6½	9½
(*321)	330	1	8½	16½	9½	21	24½
Br Aero	448	28	40	—	0	14	—
(*475½)	487	2½	19	—	12½	32½	—
Br Telcm	390	9	23	30½	1½	9	17
(*397)	420	0	8½	15	23	25½	33½
Cadbury	409	6	22	32	3	12½	16½
(*411½)	447	0	7	15	35½	37	39
Guinness	420	15	24	33½	1	12	15½
(*434)	460	0	6½	15	26	36½	39
GEC	280	16	24½	29½	0	3½	8½
(*295½)	300	1½	12	17½	6½	11½	18
Hanson	240	5	12	16	1	8	12
(*244)	260	0	4½	7½	16	20½	24
LASMO	140	17	20½	24½	0	2½	4
(*157)	160	2	8½	13	5	10	12
Lucas	180	9½	16½	22	1	6	9
(*189)	200	0	7	13	11½	17	19½
Pilkingtn	140	14½	19½	22½	0	2	4½
(*154½)	160	1	7½	11½	6	10	13½
Prudential	300	7½	15	21	1½	13	17
(*305½)	330	0	4	9½	24½	34½	37
Redland	420	29½	37½	42½	0	13½	18½
(*448)	460	1½	14	22	13	36½	40½
R-Royce	160	4½	11	15½	1	8	11
(*163)	180	0	3½	8	17	21½	23½
Tesco	240	4½	13	16½	2	10	12
(*242½)	260	0	4½	8	17½	23	24½
Vodafone	183	9½	—	—	1	—	—
(*191½)	200	1	9	13	9½	13½	17
Williams	330	8½	19	24½	1½	13	16½
(*337)	360	0	6	11½	23	32½	35½

FT-SE INDEX (*3099)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Feb	163½	114½	68	30½	9½	1½
Mar	172½	129	91½	60	36	19
Apr	184	146	113	83	59½	39½
May	203	166½	135	106	82½	60½
Jun	—	180½	—	120	—	76
Puts						
Feb	1	3	6	19	52	101
Mar	12	18	30	49	75½	110
Apr	27	40	56	75½	102	132½
May	38½	51½	70	90	117	145½
Jun	—	63	—	103	—	157½

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat.	420	22	28	34½	8½	16	21
(*436½)	460	3½	11	17	36½	40	44
Amstrad	125	24	27½	—	0½	3	—
(*148)	150	6	12½	—	8	12½	—
Barclays	600	18	33	43	20½	31	40
(*602)	650	3	15	24	59½	65	71½
Blue Circ	280	11½	20	26	7	17	21½
(*283)	300	3½	12	17½	19	29½	33½
Br Gas	300	14½	22	26½	3½	11½	15
(*310½)	330	1½	8	13	20½	30	32½
Dixons	200	17	24	28½	2½	6	9½
(*214)	220	5½	12	18	10½	15	20
Forte	240	11½	17	22	5	12½	15
(*245)	260	2½	8	13½	17½	24½	27
Hillsdwn	160	17	20	21½	0½	4½	7½
(*175½)	180	3½	7½	11	7	15	17½
Lonrho	140	14½	20½	22	1	4	6
(*153)	160	2½	9½	11½	9½	12½	15½
Sears	100	6½	9½	11	1½	4	5
(*104½)	110	1½	5	6	6½	10	10½
Thrn Eml	1000	52½	82	92	6	18½	34½
(*1040)	1050	20	51	62	24½	38	57½
Tomkins	220	16½	24½	28	1½	6	10
(*234)	240	4½	13	17	9½	14½	20
TSB	240	12½	23	26½	7	13	17
(*250)	260	4½	14	17½	19	24½	28
Wellcome	1000	49½	57	63	26½	38½	44
(*1022½)	1050	26	33	41½	55½	66	70½

	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	29	49½	57½	25½	35	47
(*658½)	700	11	28	36	58½	65	76½
HSBC	650	44	56	69	22	36	45
(*677½)	700	18	32½	46½	51½	63½	72½
Reuter	420	39½	51½	60½	7	12	15½
(*453½)	460	16	28½	38½	24	29	32½

	Series	Feb	May	Jul	Feb	May	Jul
Royal Ins	280	8	17	23	2	14	17
(*286)	300	0½	9½	14½	14½	26	28½

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	110	7	12½	18	4	10½	11½
(*112)	120	3	8½	14	10	16	17

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastern Gp	650	47	69½	84	1	14	25
(*694½)	700	12½	42	55½	15	34	48

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	27½	40	46½	4½	14½	21½
(*480½)	500	6	18½	27	24	35½	42½
Scot Pwr	330	16½	28½	34	5½	12	18½
(*339½)	360	3½	14½	19	22½	28½	34½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3077.0	3118.0	3068.0	3112.0	15465
Previous open interest: 66088	Jun 95	3094.0	3127.0	3094.0	3121.5	243
FT-SE 250	Mar 95	3430.0	3455.0	3430.0	3445.0	132
Previous open interest: 4051	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.98	93.00	92.97	92.99	8852
Previous open interest: 447843	Jun 95	92.34	92.36	92.32	92.34	18967
	Sep 95	91.92	91.94	91.90	91.91	6491
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95				93.58	0
Previous open interest: 2437	Jun 95	93.06	93.06	93.06	93.04	2
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.82	94.86	94.82	94.84	22479
Previous open interest: 773562	Jun 95	94.47	94.54	94.47	94.51	38744
Long Gilt	Mar 95	102-12	102-24	102-11	102-16	39041
Previous open interest: 103785	Jun 95	102-27	102-28	102-21	102-21	180
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.66	108.71	108.66	108.68	1639
	Jun 95	107.99	108.00	107.99	107.99	279
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	90.74	91.12	90.68	90.92	131994
Previous open interest: 229483	Jun 95	90.17	90.45	90.13	90.34	2223
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.78	93.84	93.77	93.83	3026
Previous open interest: 24130	Jun 95	93.28	93.34	93.27	93.33	1343
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.88	95.91	95.86	95.88	2912
Previous open interest: 4441b	Jun 95	95.56	95.60	95.54	95.58	2383
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	100.53	100.79	100.36	100.64	30665
Previous open interest: 56539	Jun 95	99.60	99.84	99.60	99.71	261

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8 Low 6½ Week fixed: 6¼

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth 6½. Sell: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth: 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¼-6⅛	6¹⁵⁄₃₂-6¹³⁄₃₂	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6⅞-6¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¹¹⁄₃₂-6⁹⁄₃₂	6½-6⅜	6⁹⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7¼-7	7¾-7⅝
Interbank:	6¹¹⁄₃₂-6⁹⁄₃₂	6½-6⅜	6⁹⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅛-7	7¾-7⅝

Overnight: open 7 . close 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6¹¹⁄₁₆	7	7¹¹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	6⁵⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₃₂	6½-6⅜	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	7⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅝-7½
Dollar CDs:	6.04	n/a	6.16	6.44	7.00
Building Society CDs:	6⅜-6¼	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅛-7	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¼-6	6⅝-6⅜	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	5-4¼	5-4¹³⁄₁₆	5¹⁄₁₆-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5½-5¼	5¼-4¼
French Franc:	5⁵⁄₁₆-5³⁄₁₆	5½-5¼	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6-5	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3½-3¼	3¹³⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	3¾-3½	4⅛-4⅛	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-1¼

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $375.50-375.90 Close: $376.10-376.60 High: $376.40-376.90 Low: $374.00-374.50 AM: $375.85 PM: $376.60

Krugerrand: $375.75-377.75 (£241.50-243.50)

Platinum: $414.25 (£266.30) Silver: $4.76 (£3.055) Palladium: $157.25 (£101.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6629-2.6692	2.6629-2.6663	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1pr
Brussels	48.88-49.10	48.99-49.10	7-3pr	20-12pr
Copenhagen	9.3510-9.3740	9.3540-9.3690	⅛-⅛pr	2½-1½pr
Dublin	1.0010-1.0042	1.0012-1.0039	8-5pr	17-13pr
Frankfurt	2.3769-2.3817	2.3772-2.3804	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Lisbon	244.62-246.87	246.23-246.87	41-50ds	168-190ds
Madrid	204.31-204.83	204.53-204.83	21-33ds	55-108ds
Milan	2511.30-2519.30	2516.00-2519.30	2-4ds	11-14ds
Montreal	2.1698-2.1786	2.1755-2.1786	16-0.25ds	0.36-0.49ds
New York	1.5530-1.5570	1.5560-1.5570	0.07-0.05pr	0.21-0.16pr
Oslo	10.3950-10.4230	10.3950-10.4110	1¼-¼pr	4½-2½pr
Paris	8.2150-8.2390	8.2230-8.2370	⅛-⅛pr	2¼-1¼pr
Stockholm	11.5810-11.6320	11.5880-11.6120	¼-1¼ds	2¾-4¾ds
Tokyo	153.63-154.04	153.68-153.95	⅛-⅛pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	16.72-16.77	16.72-16.76	2½-1½pr	8½-5½pr
Zurich	2.0105-2.0140	2.0100-2.0129	⅛-⅛pr	1½-1¼pr

Source: Extel

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3412-1.3421
Austria	10.77-10.78
Belgium (Com)	31.47-31.48
Canada	1.3966-1.3976
Denmark	6.0250-6.0280
France	5.2950-5.2970
Germany	1.5310-1.5315
Hong Kong	7.7308-7.7318
Ireland	1.5493-1.5508
Italy	1616.00-1618.00
Japan	98.94-98.99
Malaysia	2.5470-2.5480
Netherlands	1.7151-1.7161
Norway	6.6955-6.6975
Portugal	157.64-157.74
Singapore	1.4535-1.4542
Spain	131.57-131.62
Sweden	7.4488-7.4563
Switzerland	1.2941-1.2946

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5544-1.5570
Australia dollar	2.0857-2.0878
Bahrain dinar	0.5795-0.5915
Brazil real*	1.2979-1.3019
Cyprus pound	0.728-0.738
Finland markka	7.290-7.406
Greece drachma	368.00-375.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.0188-12.0242
India rupee	48.27-49.23
Kuwait dinar KD	0.46-0.47
Malaysia ringgit	3.9598-3.9626
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4541-2.4569
Pakistan rupee	47.40 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7675-5.8935
Singapore dollar	2.2584-2.2614
S Africa rand (fin)	6.2036-6.2388
S Africa rand (com)	5.5203-5.5263
U A E dirham	5.6475-5.7715

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	332	Legal & Gn	1,200
ASDA Gp	31,000	Lloyds Bk	3,400
Abbey Natl	2,800	MEPC	932
Alld Dom	4,600	Marks Spr	2,900
Argyll Gp	4,700	NatWst Bk	5,000
Arjo Wiggn	1,300	Nat Power	1,700
AB Foods	807	Nth Wst W	2,000
BAA	2,200	P & O	910
BAT Inds	4,900	Pearson	614
BOC	1,600	PowerGen	2,500
BP	7,500	Prudential	2,900
BTR	15,000	RMC	864
BT	24,000	RTZ	4,400
Bk of Scot	3,400	Rank Org	4,000
Barclays	4,500	Reckitt Col	436
Bass	3,400	Redland	2,500
Blue Circle	1,500	Reed Intl	1,100
Boots	3,500	Rentokil	1,400
Bowater	2,200	Reuters	6,400
Brit Aero	712	Rolls Royce	6,500
Brit Airwys	3,000	Ryl Ins	3,700
Brit Gas	5,400	Ryl Bk Scot	2,300
Brit Steel	7,100	Sainsbury	4,900
Burmah Cstl	567	Schroders	24
Cable Wire	4,600	Scot & New	821
Cadbury	2,200	Scot Power	356
Caradon	1,700	Sears	4,300
Carlton Cms	1,100	Svrn Trent	2,500
Cm Union	3,100	Snell Trans	3,900
Courtaulds	332	Siebe	1,800
De La Rue	377	SmKl Bch	12,000
Eastern Elec	2,000	Smith Nph	6,700
Enterpr Oil	1,700	Sthern Elec	1,400
Forte	3,100	Std Chartd	4,100
GKN	1,000	Sun Allnce	2,300
GRE	1,700	TI Gp	919
GUS	1,400	TSB	3,200
Gen Acc	2,900	Tesco	7,800
Gen Elec	2,400	Thames W	1,400
Glaxo	8,000	Thrn EMI	980
Granada	3,600	Tomkins	4,000
Grand Met	5,300	Unilever	866
Guinness	5,100	Utd Bisc	1,000
HSBC	5,700	Vodafone	7,700
Hanson	14,000	Warburg	1,400
ICI	2,500	Wellcome	3,900
Inchcape	1,600	Whitbread	4,400
Kingfisher	1,200	Wlms Hld	3,200
Ladbroke	7,000	Wolseley	1,200
Land Secs	1,200	Zeneca	1,900

WALL STREET

	Feb 9 midday	Feb 8 close
AMP Inc	71¼	71
AMR Corp	57	56¼
AT & T	51¼	51¼
Abbott Labs	35¼	35
Advanced Micro	31¼	30¾
Aetna Life	53	53
Ahmanson (HF)	18	18¼
Air Prod & Chem	46¼	46¼
Albertson's	30¼	30¼
Alcan Alumnm	24¼	24¼
Alco Standard	65¼	66
Allied Signal	37¼	38
Alum Co of Am	80¼	78¼
Amax Gold Inc	4¼	4¼
Amerada Hess	47¼	47¼
Amer Brands	38	38¼
Amer El Power	34¼	34¼
Amer Express	32¼	32¼
Amer Genl Corp	31	31¼
Amer Home Pr	69¼	70¼
Amer Intl	105¼	105¼
Amer Stores	24¼	24¼
Ameritech	42¼	43¼
Amoco	57¼	57¼
Anheuser-Busch	54¼	54¼
Apple Computer	43¼	42¼
Archer Daniels	20¼	20¼
Armco	6¼	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	47	47
Asarco	27	26¼
Ashland Oil	32¼	32¼
Atl Richfield	107¼	108¼
Auto Data Pro	61¼	61¼
Avery Dennison	38¼	37¼
Avon Products	58¼	58¼
Baker Hughes	17¼	18
Baltim Gas & El	24¼	24¼
Banc One	29¼	29¼
BankAmerica	46¼	46¼
Bank of NY	31¼	31¼
Bankers Tr NY	63¼	63¼
Barnett Banks	44	43¼
Bausch & Lomb	34¼	33¼
Baxter Intl	28¼	28¼
Becton Dickson	51¼	51¼
Bell Atlantic	54¼	54¼
BellSouth	58¼	59¼
Black & Decker	25	23¼
Block (H&R)	35¼	35¼
Boeing	47¼	47¼
Boise Cascade	28	27¼
Borden Inc	13	13¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	60	60¼
Browning Ferris	31¼	30¼
Brunswick	18¼	19¼
Burlington Nthn	52¼	52¼
CBS	62¼	62¼
CNA Financial	70¼	70¼
CPC Intl	55¼	55¼
CSX	70¼	70¼
Campbell Soup	44¼	44¼
Can Pacific	14¼	14¼
Cptl Cities ABC	86¼	88
Carolina Pwr	27¼	28¼
Caterpillar	53¼	53¼
Central & SW	24¼	24¼
Champion Intl	40¼	41¼
Chase Manhat	34¼	34¼
Chemical Bk	39¼	40
Chevron Corp	46¼	46¼
Chrysler	44¼	44¼
Chubb Corp	79¼	79¼
Cigna Corp	70	70
Citicorp	42¼	42¼
Clorox	58¼	58¼
Coastal Corp	28¼	28¼
Coca Cola	53	53¼
Colgate-Palmolive	63¼	64¼
Columbia Gas	25¼	25¼
Compaq Corp	37¼	36¼
Comp Ass Int	53¼	52¼
Conagra	32¼	31¼
Conrail	52¼	53¼
Cons Edison	27¼	28¼
Cons Nat Gas	35¼	35¼
Cooper Inds	39¼	39¼
Corning Inc	31¼	31¼
Crown Cork	41¼	41¼
Dana Corp	22¼	22¼
Dayton Hudson	74¼	74¼
Deere	74¼	73¼
Delta Air Lines	53¼	53¼
Deluxe Corp	26¼	26¼
Detroit Edison	28¼	28¼
Digital Equip	36¼	36
Dillard Dept St	27¼	27¼
Disney (Walt)	52¼	53¼
Dominion Res	38¼	38¼
Donelley (RR)	31¼	31¼
Dover Corp	59¼	59¼
Dow Chemical	64¼	64¼
Dow Jones	34¼	34
Dresser	20¼	20¼
Duke Power	39¼	39¼
Dun & Brdstreet	50¼	50¼
Du Pont	54¼	54¼
Eastman Kodak	50¼	50¼
Eaton Corp	45¼	45¼
Emerson Elec	65¼	64¼
Engelhard Corp	26¼	26¼

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Enron Corp	31¼	31¼
Entergy	22¼	23¼
Ethyl Corp	10¼	10¼
Exxon	62¼	62¼
FMC Corp	57¼	57¼
FPL Group	36¼	36¼
Federal Express	60¼	60¼
Fed Nat Mtge	77¼	77¼
First Chicago	49¼	50
First Interstate	79¼	79¼
First Union Rlty	8	7¼
Fleet Finl Grp	33	33¼
Fluor Corp	47¼	47
Ford Motor	25¼	25¼
GTE Corp	33¼	33¼
Gannett	52¼	52¼
Gap Inc Del	33¼	33¼
Gen Dynamics	44¼	44¼
Gen Electric	51¼	52
Gen Mills	59	59¼
Gen Motors	38¼	38¼
Gen Reinsurance	131	132¼
Gen Signal	35	35¼
Genuine Parts	37¼	37¼
Georgia Pac	75¼	75¼
Gillette	78¼	78¼
Glaxo ADR	20¼	20¼
Goodrich (BF)	44	44¼
Goodyear Tire	36¼	35¼
Grace (W&R)	42¼	42¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	19¼	19¼
Great Wstn Fin	18¼	18¼
Halliburton	34¼	34¼
Harcourt General	34¼	34
Heinz (HJ)	39¼	39¼
Hercules	44¼	43¼
Hershey Foods	50¼	50¼
Hewlett Packard	105	109¼
Hilton Hotels	67¼	67
Home Depot	49¼	49¼
Homestake Mng	15¼	15¼
Honeywell	35¼	35¼
Household Intl	40¼	41¼
Houston Inds	39¼	40¼
Humana	24¼	24¼
ITT Corp	95¼	95¼
Illinois Tool	43¼	43¼
Illinova	23	23¼
INCO	26¼	26¼
Ingersoll Rand	31	31¼
Inland Steel	29¼	29¼
Intel Corp	78¼	76¼
IBM	75¼	74¼
Intl Flav & Fr	48¼	49
Intl Paper	74¼	74¼
James River Va	23¼	23¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	57¼	57¼
Kellogg	54¼	54¼
Kerr-McGee	48¼	48¼
Kimberly-Clark	49¼	49¼
Kmart	14¼	14¼
Knight-Ridder	51¼	51½
Lilly (Eli)	65¼	66¼
Limited Inc	16¼	16¼
LIN Brdcstng	138¼	138¼
Lincoln Nat	39¼	38¼
Litton	36¼	36¼
Liz Claiborne	16¼	16¼
Lockheed	73¼	74¼
Louisiana Pac	28¼	28¼
MCI Comm	19¼	19¼
Marriott Int	30¼	30¼
Marsh & McLen	82	82
Masco Corp	24¼	24¼
May Dept St	36¼	36¼
Maytag Corp	16¼	15¼
McDonalds	33¼	32¼
McDonnell D	53¼	53
McGraw Hill	67¼	68¼
Mead Corp	53	52¼
Medtronic	58¼	58
Mellon Bk	36¼	36¼
Melville Corp	32¼	32¼
Merck Inc	40¼	40¼
Merrill Lynch	40¼	40¼
Minnesota Mine	52	52¼
Mobil Corp	86¼	86¼
Monsanto	73¼	73¼
Morgan (JP)	63¼	63¼
Motorola Inc	61¼	61
Natl Medical	15¼	15¼
Natl Semi	18¼	17¼
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	16¼	16¼
NBD Bancorp	31¼	31
NY Times A	20¼	21
Newmont Mng	33¼	33¼
Niag Mohawk	14¼	14½
Nike B	69¼	69¼
NL Industries	11¼	11¼
Noram Energy	5¼	5¼
Nordstrom	42¼	43
Norfolk Sthrn	62	62
Nthn State Pwr	45¼	46¼
Norwest Corp	24¼	24¼
Nynex Corp	38¼	38¼
Occidental Pet	18¼	18¼
Ohio Edison	21¼	21¼
Oracle Systems	44¼	43¼
Oryx Energy Co	11¼	11¼

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Owens Corning	33¼	34¼
PPG Industries	37¼	37¼
PNC Bank	24¼	24
Paccar Inc	42¼	42¼
Pacificorp	18¼	19¼
Pac Enterprises	23¼	23¼
Pac Gas & Elect	25¼	25¼
Pac Telesis	30¼	31¼
Pall Corp	19¼	19¼
Panhandle East	22	22¼
Parker Hannifin	47¼	46¼
Peco Energy	26¼	26¼
Penney (JC)	43	43¼
Pennzoil	45¼	45¼
Pepsico	36¼	36¼
Pfizer	82¼	83¼
Phelps Dodge	53¼	53¼
Philip Morris	61¼	61¼
Phillips Pet	32¼	32¼
Pitney Bowes	33¼	33¼
Polaroid	30	30
PriceCostco	13¼	13¼
Procter & Gmbl	65¼	65¼
Providian	36¼	36¼
Pub Serv E & G	28¼	29
Quaker Oats	34¼	34
Ralston Purina	46¼	46¼
Raychem Corp	37¼	37¼
Raytheon	69¼	69
Reebok Intl	35¼	35
Reynolds Metals	51¼	50¼
Roadway Srvcs	50¼	50
Rockwell Intl	38¼	38¼
Rohm & Haas	55¼	55¼
Royal Dutch	112¼	112
Rubbermaid	31¼	31¼
Safeco Corp	54¼	54¼
St Paul's Cos	48¼	47¼
Salomon Inc	37¼	37¼
Santa Fe Pac	19¼	19¼
Sara Lee Corp	26¼	26¼
Scecorp	16¼	16¼
Schering Plough	78¼	78¼
Schlumberger	55¼	55
Scott Paper	76	77
Seagram	30¼	30¼
Sears Roebuck	48¼	48
Shell Trans	67¼	67¼
Sherwin Wlms	33¼	34¼
Skyline Corp	17¼	17¼
Snap-On-Tools	33¼	33¼
Southern Co	21	21¼
Sthwestern Bell	43¼	43¼
Sprint Corp	30¼	30¼
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Sun Microsys	33¼	31¼
Suntrust	53¼	53¼
Supervalu	29¼	29¼
Sysco Corp	28	28¼
TRW Inc	64¼	64
TCC Inds	2¼	2¼
Tandem Comp	17¼	17¼
Tandy Corp	46¼	46¼
Teledyne	22¼	22¼
Temple Inland	47¼	47¼
Tenneco	43¼	43¼
Texaco	61¼	61¼
Texas Inst	78¼	75
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Times-Mirror A	19	19
Timken	34¼	33¼
Torchmark	41¼	41
Toys R Us	30¼	30¼
Transamerica	53¼	53¼
Travelers	39¼	39¼
Tribune	54¼	54¼
Tyco Labs	48¼	49
UST Inc	30	30
UAL	92	92¼
USX Marathon	15¼	15¼
Unicom	25¼	25¼
Unilever NV	116¼	116
Union Camp	50¼	50¼
Union Carbide	28¼	28¼
Union Pacific	50	49¼
Unisys Corp	9¼	9¼
USAIR Group	5¼	5¼
USF&G Corp	14¼	14¼
US Life	38	38¼
US West	39¼	40
United Tech	64¼	64¼
Unocal Corp	26¼	26¼
Upjohn	34¼	34¼
VF Corp	49¼	49¼
WMX Tech	27¼	27
Wal-Mart Stores	23¼	24¼
Warner-Lambert	80¼	80
Wells Fargo	150¼	154¼
Westinghouse El	14¼	14¼
Weyerhaeuser	39¼	40
Whirlpool	53	52¼
Whitman	16¼	16¼
Winn Dixie	53¼	54¼
Woolworth	16	16
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45¼	46
Xerox	107¼	107¼
Yellow Corp	21¼	21¼

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CITY DIARY

Abbey catches prize habit

WHEN is a bank not a bank? When it is a building society. Or so it would appear for Abbey National which, in spite of its high-profile conversion to a bank in the 1980s, this week picked up a prize at the annual Building Societies Marketing Awards ceremony, held at the Roof Gardens, Kensington. Said one of the judges: "We certainly pointed out that it was a bank. I can't remember why it was allowed to win. I think it was because all the other entries were so awful." When Abbey asked for permission to enter, the organisers said: "It depends how you see yourselves." Its answer was, apparently, to submit an entry in the junk mail category — which it subsequently won. The ceremony, conducted by a rather bemused Peter Hobday of Radio 4's Today programme, was heavy on the pink smoke and bellowing promotional videos, but light on entries. Some categories attracted fewer than five.

Sands of time

HAVE any women struggling to be placed in the City considered Egypt? Cairo's weekly newspaper *Sabah el-Kheir* reports that Egypt has one belly dancer for every 5,000 inhabitants, and for dancing in hotels or at society weddings, the top 100 dancers can earn up to $4,400 a night. Beginners get between $4.5 and $29. Now wouldn't that look good on a cv?



"It's next year's electricity bill"

Good fit

TOM FARMER, head of Kwik-Fit, was an apt choice to give a speech at yesterday's World Young Business Achiever ceremony, attended by the Duke of Edinburgh and whose main sponsors include The Industrial Development Board of Northern Ireland, British Airways and Worldcom Group. The world award went to Joseph Pangilinan, of the Philippines, a mere 33 years old, who runs a furniture exporting firm. Farmer started business life cleaning cookers, moved into tyres and first retired when 29. Quoting Paul Getty, Farmer said that you only need to do three things to succeed in business. "Get up early. Work late. Find oil."

Off the wall

ROBERT FLEMING has sent four impressionist canvasses from the collection it started in 1968 to the exhibition it is sponsoring at the Barbican Gallery in the City , but they are unlikely to be missed. Curator Bill Smith says: "Flemings has about 800 oils or watercolours, and all paintings have Scottish connections, and are mostly by contemporary Scottish artists. Since they hang in our offices worldwide, many Scottish artists are seen for the first time in our foreign boardrooms."

ANOTHER name from a City Diary fan for British invisibles, which should appeal to computer buffs: Wydsiwyg (pronounced widzywig) — What you don't see is what you get!

COLIN CAMPBELL

Adland Japan is a country playing by its own rules

TV commercials have created a genre of their own, says **Joanna Pitman**



That obscure object of desire: the best Japanese advertisements are the most baffling for the consumer

Even the sharpest suits and minds from the Tokyo advertising fraternity will be baffled by the riveting reports of the Saatchi & Saatchi executives in the High Court this week trying to prevent their former colleagues from setting up in competition. For a start, figureheads in the Maurice mould do not exist in the Japanese advertising world, let alone reach the stage of appearing to believe that they are bigger than their company.

Adland Japan is a very different place. Japanese commercials have created a genre of their own. They are sensational, lewd, repetitive, exotic, dishonest, at times stupefyingly banal, but above all the guarantee for success is that they must be obscure.

The Japanese love them. The television viewer is left in little doubt that advertisements are the main point of commercial television. In terms of money and talent invested, many of them far outclass the programmes that are slotted between them.

One commecial for a well-known brand of whisky involves a lizard, a juggler and a dwarf wandering around aimlessly in a desert while someone saws away on a fiddle in the background and a voiceover mutters poetic notions — something about "the poet of eternity, the merchant of the desert" — that might be Rimbaud, but then again, might not.

Pretty perplexing for the punters who expect at least a passing reference to a product, a brand name, some cursory mention of its supposed merits and maybe even a price. But that would be self-defeating in Japan where the public is fully aware that the sand dunes represent the whisky and that if they watch diligently next time, they might discover what sort it is.

Japanese advertisements are generally intended, in a pop video sort of style, to sum up moods in a memorable series of images which will become associated with the brand name in subsequent episodes. In another less challenging commercial, an old man, wrinkled as a walnut but dressed in the very latest gear, prances around wearing a portable CD player as if it were a neural implant. This is an electronics company's way of targeting the rapidly-growing "silver" (pensioners plus) market.

The creative juices in Japan's advertising industry clearly flow in radically different directions from those of our own, but then the industry itself is utterly different. Japan's industry is dominated by just two companies, Dentsu and Hakuhodo, which between them control most domestic billings and growing segments of the world's billings. Hakuhodo estimates that the two companies have 90 per cent of the Japanese market sewn up between them, although Dentsu, perhaps wary of claims of excessive control, puts the figure at 40 per cent.

Dentsu is undoubtedly the bigger of the two. Internationally it is ranked fifth on the basis of billings, after the WPP group, Interpublic group, Omnicom and the Saatchi group, but it claims to be the largest single agency in the world. Its billings in 1992 were $10.5bn.

Dentsu took off in the early 1950s when it entered the television advertising market (nowadays it block buys space on television channels and sells it on to advertisers like a kind of broker). But television is only one small facet of an empire categorised as advertising but which actually covers every aspect of a client company's image requirements, a multiplicity of services known in the trade as a "total communications solution". In addition to an agency's orthodox "above the line" functions of media advertising, Dentsu offers an open-ended range of services categorised as "below the line" such as direct mail, organising trade fairs, special offers, sponsorships, conventions and events. Dentsu will take on the role of custodian for a company's brand profile, covering everything from a design of headed notepaper to sales promotion and marketing. It will initiate business connections for a client, provide ideas for a new product, develop the ideas, create new business opportunities, manage business trips, publish lifestyle research data, monitor national social and consumer trends. It even helps to make government policy.

> If a firm asks you to do something you do not say no

"The nature of the service industry in Japan is such that relationships are paramount. The industry is so competitive that if a company asks you to do something, you do not say no. Dentsu is having to pitch for campaigns all the time so we have to be very attentive to our clients. We probably have a Dentsu representative visiting each of our clients every day," says Alison Scott, senior project manager for Dentsu's London branch.

These business connections and relationships are as important in Japanese business as oil is to a Toyota engine, and in Dentsu's case they cover vast swaths of corporate Japan. In press and television they are so extensive that Dentsu is said to be able to influence the news about its own clients if they come under the media glare. Few new products will succeed in the mass market without the support of Dentsu, and the firm even organises think-tanks for government policy.

The Dentsu empire, which functioned before the war as a news agency and advertising firm called Domei and served as a propaganda vehicle for the Government between 1932 and 1945) employs 34,000 people in Japan spread between dozens of national offices and 25 subsidiaries which include film and video companies, theme park and resort companies, real estate services, property management and insurance.

Hakuhodo by contrast seems tiny, employing 3,500 people in 15 domestic branches and with 17 more offices around the world. It offers an array of services very similar to those of Dentsu.

How do two advertising agencies manage to handle the accounts of dozens of competing companies without conflicts of interest? "In autos for example, Hakuhodo handles accounts with Honda, Toyota and Nissan but the scale and range of business is so vast that there is no question of breach of confidentiality. Each client knows that it will be allocated its own service group, probably located at some distance from that dealing with its rival's account. There is a strict understanding that no details of a client's business will be disclosed between service groups," said Trevor Morphew, client services director at Hakuhodo's London office.

Relationships once formed between a client and its agency are expected to be long-term, or as the Japanese like to say "for life". In the UK, accounts move between agencies roughly once every two years. In Japan a move is very rare and after years of working together, the agency becomes almost an integral part of the client company itself. With the shake-up of Adland UK, we should perhaps expect to see more "total communications solutions" on offer from our own advertising industry.

UK's industrial signpost points the wrong way

Tories are on the wrong track over the minimum wage, says **John Edmonds**

Trickle down economics has not worked. The rich have become richer and the poor have received very few crumbs from the rich man's table. The Labour movement would do well to press that point hard because it exposes the failure of economic policy over the past 15 years.

Phillip Oppenheim mounts a fierce argument against the minimum wage (January 11) and it is already clear that the issue is a defining point in the right/left battle. But I am surprised by his starting point: "We all want to see a sustainable improvement in the living standards of all our people, particularly the less well off. And of course we all want to see a high income, high skill economy with low unemployment and low inflation."

All this is welcome but it does not square with the reality of government policy. Unemployment has been used as the weapon to fight inflation — "a price worth paying". A combination of labour market deregulation and cuts in welfare benefits have produced a low wage, low skill economy where most people at work are anxious about their future.

> Cuts in pay and benefits seem a cynical trick to help the rich

Not only have the relative incomes of the poor declined, it is well documented that the least well off have lost out in real terms. We have a growing underclass of benefit dependent people who cannot find work that pays enough to take them out of the poverty trap.

After 15 years, working people are impatient with policies that promise jam tomorrow. Cuts in pay and benefits seem more and more a cynical trick to help the rich at the expense of the poor.

Phillip Oppenheim quotes evidence from France and America which he believes demonstrates that a minimum wage would cause unemployment. He should read the studies more carefully. The best conclusion from the research is that a pay safety net, when introduced as part of a broader employment policy which involves skill training and a rethink of the welfare state along the lines of Labour's Borrie Commission, can improve employment and job security.

He should also remember his recent parliamentary reply to the Rotherham MP, Denis MacShane, which let the cat out of the bag. He was forced to reveal government statistics which show that employment grew more rapidly in countries that have a minimum wage than in Britain throughout the 1980s. Of course we need a high skill, high wage economy based on high training standards. But we will not persuade employers to train if we keep telling companies that the best way to prosperity is through low wages. The Government should be pointing to the need to develop the talent of people at work. We will not get an industrial society committed to life-long learning if employers keep seeing the future in terms of low wages and pay cuts.

We need to point Britain's industrial signpost in a different direction. Every company wants its workforce to be a cohesive community, committed to the enterprise and determined to achieve high quality standards. But employees cannot be expected to be wholehearted in their enthusiasm on only £3 or £2 or even £1.80 per hour. And what price teamwork where the boss earns a king's ransom and the workers worry about paying the gas bill. We will not build a modern economy by undermining our people.

The author is General Secretary of the GMB general union.



Edmonds: "rich are richer"

Why everyone in business needs their own mentor

A few years ago, developing the talent of people in business was seen as the sole responsibility of the personnel department. They were the ones with the budget, the time and the expertise. Now many companies believe it is line managers who should be responsible for developing the people around them. But not everyone has the kind of relationship with their line manager where they feel comfortable discussing their career goals or work problems. Indeed the line manager may often be the problem.

The answer is to have a mentor, according to David Clutterbuck, director of the European Mentoring Centre. A mentor is another manager, perhaps more senior but certainly more experienced, with whom an individual can develop a confidential long-term relationship. That person is there to help the person seeking advice through a transition period, whether it be settling into a new job or learning a new skill. The most successful mentoring relationships, says Clutterbuck, often end up as friendships.

In *Mentor Dimensions*, one of a series of management videos co-sponsored by *The Times*, Clutterbuck explains how to make a mentoring programme work. The rewards, he claims, are considerable. Having such a programme can enable a company to recruit the best talent, get new employees up to speed more quickly, improve staff turnover and increase the effectiveness of formal training. As a result mentoring has become one of the fastest growing methods of developing skills and talent in European companies. It is also growing rapidly in education and in the community. But as with all arranged marriages, there are some that fail. This is usually because those involved have not been properly prepared or given clear goals. They may also have been given insufficient support. All of which, says Clutterbuck, can be avoided with effective planning and expert advice.

Once established, how can you make a powerful and positive impression on your boss? That key question is answered by Andrew Kakabadse, professor of management at Cranfield School of Management, in *Winning Ways*, another video in the series. Kakabadse admits that UK bosses, unlike many of their international counterparts, tend to be too directive allowing little leeway for the subtleties of social relationships.

Nevertheless if you want to be influential, the first thing to do is understand just who is the boss, a reasonable line of inquiry given the complexity of relationships in large international organisations.

Thereafter, the key to making a favourable impact, says Kakabadse, is to make others feel comfortable. That way, there is no problem or issue that cannot be discussed. The first step is know your boss.

The second is to trust your instincts — not easy when one lacks confidence or feels defensive, but Kakabadse explores how to manage that process. He examines the positive benefits of nurturing a feedback culture in a company. Not only will people feel better and work more effectively as a team, but planning and decision making will improve.

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Training videos offer

DO YOU want to make a powerful impression on your boss and be influential in your office? *Winning Ways*, a training video featuring the late Brian Redhead, tells you how.

In a witty and penetrating conversation Redhead and Andrew Kakabadse, professor of management at Cranfield School of Management, make points which are vital to people who work for organisations and are deeply interested in enhancing their careers.

Another video, *Mentoring*, explores one of the fastest-growing methods of developing people within a business.

Mentoring is a way in which experienced staff help other people through transition periods, perhaps by showing them new skills or by helping them adjust to a new job.

Winning Ways runs for 27 minutes, *Mentoring* for more than 19 minutes. These videos are normally sold at £49 each. *Times* readers can buy them for the special price of £49 for two, inclusive of post and packing.

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Europe	266.30	283.40	+ 1.40	0.93
Brit Excell	69.35	73.78	+ 0.82	3.14
Brit Fndmtls Acc	98.88	105.20	+ 1.00	4.86
Brit Fndmtls Inc	72.53	77.16	+ 0.74	4.86
Global Opps	81.31	86.50	+ 0.22	0.42
Balanced Acc	52.52	55.80	- 0.38	3.11
Balanced Inc	51.24	54.52	- 0.38	3.11
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	127.30	135.10	- 0.20	7.90
High Inc Equity	154.00	164.70	- 0.70	4.78
Worldwide Bond	260.80	276.60	- 0.60	5.50
Capital Growth				
American Growth	279.30	299.20	- 0.40	.80
Asian Pacific	298.80	317.90	+ 1.80	
Assets & Earnings	247.30	263.10	- 1.00	2.96
Comdty & Energy	96.62	103.00	- 0.60	
Euro Capital Inc	130.30	139.40	- 0.30	.70
(Accum Units)	139.10	148.70	- 0.20	.69
General	217.00	230.90	+ 1.10	2.36
Japan	115.00	123.00	- 1.60	
Mastertrust	133.90	143.20		1.74
UK Growth Dist	113.60	121.50	- 0.20	2.84
US Emerging Cos	132.90	142.10		
Income & Growth	365.50	388.80	+ 2.50	3.32
Ethical	64.67	68.80	- 0.29	2.98
International	109.10	116.10	- 0.30	1.10
Dividend & Growth	57.44	61.11	- 0.28	4.60
Global Gwth & Sec	66.12	70.50	- 0.18	2.98
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.04	£16.71	- 21.00	..
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	43.85	45.54	- 0.01	0.68
Cash	50.39	50.39	- 0.01	4.46
Emerging Mkts	67.34	71.37	- 0.09	0.05
European	108.60	113.40		
Exempt	934.00	£10.04	- 2.00	1.85
Extra Income #	46.79	49.22		6.12
Far East Emg Eco	107.50	114.60	+ 0.70	0.95
Fixed Interest #	22.59	23.71	+ 0.02	8.72
Fund Inv Tst	165.40	174.00	- 0.60	0.97
Japan	166.80	174.70	- 1.50	
Latin American	51.54	54.09	- 0.52	0.90
Pacific	68.34	72.02	+ 0.21	0.37
Property Share	60.17	63.16	- 0.34	2.16
UK Emerging Cos	60.03	63.02	- 0.10	1.97
UK Growth	42.61	45.12	+ 0.40	2.60
Abtr World Port #	68.68	70.79	- 0.29	2.31
Ethical	59.99	62.97	+ 0.17	2.79
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	49.15	49.15	- 0.03	7.63
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 549 3232				
British Growth	66.85	71.11	+ 0.42	2.72
British Income	77.42	82.36	+ 0.61	3.44
Select Portfolio	82.38	87.64	- 0.59	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
0452 305 958				
Amity Income	71.39	75.75	- 0.31	2.57
Income Builder Inc	65.19	69.35	+ 0.42	3.00
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	219.80	234.90	+ 2.20	3.32
Capital	384.70	411.30	+ 2.10	2.01
Balanced	643.40	687.70	+ 6.32	2.89
Accumulator	£11.95	£12.77	+ 11.00	3.18
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.07	50.31	- 0.28	3.54
High Income	373.90	399.60	+ 3.60	3.86
Equity Income	210.90	224.90	+ 2.40	3.71
High Yield	226.50	242.10	- 2.10	3.59
Govt Securities	32.74	34.57	- 0.02	6.13
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	142.60	152.40	- 0.30	0.46
European Growth	33.32	35.52	- 0.01	0.01
International	151.40	161.80	- 0.10	0.20
Japan	191.20	203.80	- 2.30	0.01
Pacific	360.40	385.20	+ 0.80	0.11
Secs of America	416.40	443.10	- 0.80	0.52
Wwide Asset Val	45.55	48.69	- 0.01	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Values	493.00	527.00	+ 5.30	2.42
Conv & Gilt	41.03	43.86	+ 0.22	5.29
Smaller Cos	158.90	169.80	..	1.31
2nd Smaller Cos	151.50	161.90	..	1.50
Recovery	127.80	136.70	+ 0.70	1.92
Met Min & Cdty	141.40	151.10	+ 0.60	0.79
Oscar Earnings	330.10	352.80	+ 3.10	1.91
Technology	158.50	167.20	- 0.70	0.01
UK Special Sits	423.50	452.70	+ 3.20	1.91
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	93.45	97.09	- 1.40	3.04
Foundtn Pncl Pens	58.51	60.78	- 0.97	2.28
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	68.00	72.34	- 0.53	1.94
International	61.67	65.61		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
031 222 4242				
America	270.90	291.70	+ 1.00	..
Bond	109.50	115.30	- 0.30	7.31
Brit Smlr Cos	92.97	98.90	+ 0.21	1.90
Conv & Gen #	62.63	66.63	- 0.22	5.80
Europe	214.00	227.90	+ 0.70	0.51
Euro Smlr Cos	96.76	103.30	..	0.61
Income Gwth	331.00	352.10	+ 1.60	4.59
Japan	287.00	304.50	- 3.30	
Latin American	65.48	70.42	- 0.55	
Pacific	98.04	104.30	- 0.30	0.77
UK Smlr Cos	45.76	52.94	+ 0.05	1.44
Japan Fd	637.30	677.70	- 3.20	
Mngd Fd	166.20	176.80	- 1.00	2.97
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
071 488 8673				
Brit & Overs	270.90	285.20		1.29
Capital Gwth	106.10	111.70		2.40
Wwide Opps	174.60	183.80	..	0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bcl Inv Fd Inc	327.20	340.80	+ 2.20	3.05
European Bal Inc	87.31	90.42	+ 0.06	7.90
Exempt	70.24	74.92	+ 0.35	4.40
Financial	69.54	74.37	+ 0.58	2.92
500.0	420.10	449.30	+ 0.50	2.63
General	260.35	278.43	+ 1.50	2.78
Property	246.90	264.00		6.30
Trustee	171.20	183.10	+ 0.90	2.55
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40		5.15
Extra Income	112.50	120.30	+ 0.70	4.25
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.44	58.33	- 0.01	8.84
Income	490.40	524.50	+ 3.0	4.30
Income Builder	60.62	64.49	+ 0.27	4.89
Intl Income	59.61	63.41	- 0.06	3.77
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.20	118.60	+ 0.60	2.65
Leisure	114.90	122.90	+ 0.40	1.70
Recovery	388.90	415.90	+ 2.80	3.91
Smllr Cos Inc	41.79	44.82	+ 0.06	2.05
Special Sits	266.50	285.00	+ 1.20	1.69
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	122.80	130.30	- 0.70	0.72
Aust Acc	223.00	237.30	- 0.80	2.31
Aust Inc	137.20	146.00	- 0.50	2.31
Euro Gwth Inc	145.20	154.10	+ 0.20	0.75
(Accum Units)	155.40	164.90	+ 0.20	0.75
Japan & Gen Inc	163.20	172.80	- 0.90	..
(Accum Units)	165.16	174.80	- 0.90	
Japan Spec Sits	74.42	78.83	- 0.45	..
Univ Tech Inc	75.46	80.21	- 0.29	0.05
Worldwide	159.40	169.20	- 0.20	0.87
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	92.52	98.15	- 0.13	..
Amer Smllr Cos	129.80	139.10	- 0.50	
Convertibles	53.43	57.14	+ 0.12	5.70
Eastern	251.10	269.90	+ 0.20	0.10
Equity Income	84.28	89.65	+ 0.53	4.90
European Growth	288.50	305.70	+ 1.90	0.80
Europe	210.80	223.80	+ 0.60	0.20
German Growth	72.82	77.15	+ 0.76	0.50
Global Bond	60.75	64.00	+ 0.05	6.20
Global Growth	119.00	126.80	+ 0.20	
Japan Growth	191.98	204.70	- 0.70	..
Japan Sunrise	162.80	173.50	+ 0.10	..
Korea Trust	75.94	84.22	+ 0.27	..
Portfolio	123.70	132.50	+ 0.70	1.80
(Accum Units)	225.70	241.70	+ 1.20	1.80
UK Growth	80.11	85.22	+ 0.78	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	80.87	86.49	+ 0.09	1.80
Select Managers	70.86	75.90	+ 0.32	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	71.01	75.54	..	
Special Opps Inc	51.92	55.23	..	..
For Brewin Dolphin see GEM Dolphin				
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
041 223 8020				
Balanced Growth	100.01	105.83	+ 0.70	1.97
(Accum Units)	112.43	118.97	+ 0.78	1.97
Smaller Cos	95.46	101.01	+ 0.12	1.28
Higher Yield #	42.35	44.81	+ 0.20	4.78
American Gth Inc	70.41	74.50	- 0.15	..
European Growth	132.46	140.17	- 0.12	..
(Accum Units)	135.07	142.94	- 0.12	..
Global Bond Inc #	26.23	27.18	- 0.01	7.63
Mngd Ptflo Inc	39.88	42.15	+ 0.10	1.72
(Accum Units)	40.42	42.76	+ 0.10	1.72
Intl Spec Opps	107.15	113.39	- 0.08	..
Pacific Gth	115.34	122.05	- 0.56	..
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	71.51	75.67	..	3.73
(Accum Units) #	73.22	77.49	..	3.73
Japan	56.94	60.26	- 0.52	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	94.47	96.40	- 0.15	7.49
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.98	65.80	- 0.02	6.22
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
061 837 5060				
Environ	147.00	156.40	+ 0.40	1.80
UK Growth	157.90	168.00	+ 0.90	2.46
UK Income	127.00	135.30	+ 0.50	4.53
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	178.30	189.00	+ 1.40	2.10
-do- Income Dist	105.60	111.90	+ 0.80	4.47
(Accum Units)	316.70	337.60	+ 2.50	4.47
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.68	41.00	+ 0.04	6.63
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	150.30	158.90	- 0.30	..
European Inc	75.79	80.25	+ 0.19	0.69
Smaller Cos (4-1)	76.45	81.33	- 0.03	2.08
Growth	399.60	425.30	+ 3.80	2.80
Income & Growth	384.10	408.70	+ 4.50	4.13
(Accum Units)	548.20	583.20	+ 6.40	4.13
Japan & Gen	67.19	71.21	- 0.66	
Master Portfolio	£97.31	£101.01	+ 39.00	2.06
(Accum Units)	£116.09	£120.51	+ 47.00	2.06
Special Sits	90.39	95.66	+ 1.64	2.58
High Yield	£12.46	£12.85	+ 13.00	4.80
For Capel House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.15	84.41	+ 0.32	2.61
American Portfolio	89.06	94.87	- 0.16	1.23
European Portfolio	94.46	100.58	+ 0.58	0.79
Japanese Portfolio	60.08	63.79	- 0.60	
Pacific Portfolio	130.06	138.86	- 0.30	0.93
UK Inc & Growth	72.54	77.81	+ 0.38	3.43
Utility & Bond	54.10	54.70	+ 0.38	7.06

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	627.75	630.45	..	4.80
Fxd Int Sec	147.85	148.20	..	9.78
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
071 332 5009				
UK General Tst	60.35	64.20	+ 0.64	3.10
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	618.67	628.52		4.96
Accum	£26.31	£26.50		
Fixed Int Inc	126.20	126.42	..	9.83
Fixed Int Acc	187.69	187.95	...	..
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 337 7667				
Intl Growth	113.71	120.87	..	..
UK Income	101.98	108.40	..	5.54
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5966				
Bootmkr Intl	75.69	80.25	..	1.51
Beck Bio-Tech	26.83	28.80	+ 1.51	
Acorn Ethical Tst	144.69	152.30	..	0.74
City Fin Assets	63.70	67.77	..	1.32
City Fin America	85.65	90.18	..	
City Fin Intl	71.75	75.55	..	0.86
City Fin Japan	151.19	159.15	..	
Friars Hse Cap	256.56	277.16	..	1.78
Friars Hse Inc	183.62	195.34	..	4.22
Buckley Wrld Grth	117.02	124.54	..	0.09
Fairmont Cap Gth	129.74	138.02	+ 2.28	
Fairmount Intl	142.79	151.90	+ 3.46	
City Fin Ptflo Inc	51.57	54.86	+ 0.79	4.38
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	52.31	55.50	- 0.18	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	55.65	59.52	+ 0.18	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.66	36.86	- 0.12	0.44
Dragon Growth	63.74	68.17	+ 0.22	0.43
Equity High Inc	78.73	83.76	+ 0.99	4.15
(Accum Units)	105.86	112.82	+ 1.33	4.15
European Gwth	49.30	52.45	+ 0.37	0.85
Evergreen	27.32	29.27	- 0.08	
General Equity	79.69	84.55	+ 0.76	2.73
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.02	25.24	+ 0.04	8.38
Japan Growth	47.95	51.28	- 0.51	
Pedigree Gwth	47.85	50.90	+ 0.33	2.75
Pad Sm Coz Inc	28.64	30.47	..	1.34
(Accum Units)	29.76	31.66	- 0.01	1.34
Retirement Inc #	24.64	26.21	+ 0.27	6.18
Special Sits	35.79	38.07	+ 0.23	2.11
UK & Overseas	45.62	48.53	+ 0.07	1.44
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0634 898 000				
Capital	63.77	68.20	+ 0.72	2.33
Income	57.33	61.31	+ 0.50	4.31
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	149.99	159.56	+ 1.27	5.62
Fixed & Convertible	38.93	41.41	+ 0.08	7.42
Monthly Inc Plus	47.39	50.42	+ 0.04	8.89
Preference Share	46.14	49.08	+ 0.03	7.53
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	116.81	124.27	+ 0.77	7.50
Managed Fund	64.61	68.73	- 0.33	3.07
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.26	38.57	+ 0.07	1.76
(Accum Units)	41.48	44.13	+ 0.09	1.76
UK & General	73.98	78.70	- 0.83	2.82
(Accum Units)	92.60	98.51	- 1.04	2.82
UK Growth	132.14	140.57	+ 1.96	2.43
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	186.35	198.24	- 0.94	0.25
Far Eastern Gth	120.57	128.27	- 0.26	
Global Bond	76.49	81.18	- 0.05	6.24
Japan Growth	111.57	118.69	- 0.97	
North Amer Gth	162.78	173.17	- 0.01	
Oriental Growth	71.70	76.28	+ 0.10	
Worldwide Growth	62.28	66.26	- 0.06	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.83	92.83	+ 0.02	5.69
Homemaker Fund	73.75	78.46	+ 0.53	1.93
Quilter Fund	120.48	128.17	+ 1.22	3.06
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.83	58.32	+ 0.46	3.20
(Accum Units)	59.37	63.15	+ 0.50	3.20
High Income	32.22	34.27	+ 0.24	4.80
Japan	33.29	35.41	- 0.27	
Smaller Cos Inc	28.46	30.27	+ 0.01	2.70
Smaller Cos	30.14	32.06	+ 0.02	2.70
North American	32.03	34.07	- 0.02	0.70
European	36.23	38.54	+ 0.23	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.30	31.46	+ 0.25	3.53
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	132.50	141.60	- 0.10	2.13
Income	65.91	70.12	+ 0.61	5.27
European	59.71	63.10	+ 0.19	1.09
Recovery	147.20	156.70	+ 1.30	1.93
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	755.90	768.40	.	3.79
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.94	73.33	+ 0.18	1.35
Income #	225.00	239.30	+ 2.00	4.86
(Accum Units) #	554.00	589.30	+ 4.90	4.86
Smaller Cos	148.10	157.50	+ 0.40	0.62
(Accum Units)	181.00	192.50	+ 0.50	0.62
Inv Portfolio	74.17	78.90	+ 0.38	7.52
High Inc Port #	64.87	69.01	+ 0.54	5.03
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.02	£15.38	+ 23	
Japan Small Cos	£11.86	£12.12	- 0.70	
UK Small Cos	£16.83	£17.58	- 2.60	...
US Small Cos	£15.76	£16.28	+ 55.50	..
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	193.40	203.60		2.78
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 315 2500				
European Gwth	268.00	283.40	+ 1.00	0.98
New Asia	196.38	209.80	+ 0.90	0.16
Japan Growth	113.10	120.50	- 0.50	
Jap Smllr Co	464.80	494.10	- 2.90	...
Nth Amer	258.10	273.50	+ 1.80	0.87
Shttrd Asia Pac Mt	110.70	117.60	+ 0.50	0.38
UK Inc & Grth	200.00	213.40	+ 1.90	3.12
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	131.90	140.30	- 0.80	1.91
UK High Inc Inc	140.80	149.80	+ 1.00	4.81
(Accum Units)	180.30	191.80	+ 1.30	4.81
UK Prof & F I Inc	56.13	59.56	- 0.06	5.26
Eowmsord Opps	78.65	83.67	+ 0.08	1.12
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	120.70	128.10	+ 0.10	1.37
Convertibles #	19.73	20.96	+ 0.06	5.68
Equity Income #	119.10	126.50	+ 1.00	4.19
Eurofund	43.88	46.57	+ 0.33	0.43
Financial	41.65	44.25	+ 0.32	1.69
Growth & Inc #	220.10	233.90	+ 1.80	3.29
High Dist #	146.00	155.10	+ 1.20	4.84
International	362.40	385.10	+ 0.90	0.13
Intl Cap Inc	89.47	95.51	+ 0.60	2.86
Latin American	28.98	30.79	- 0.43	
Pacific	74.76	79.43	+ 0.07	
Preference Share	22.01	23.39	+ 0.04	7.05
Tokyo	208.20	221.30	- 2.70	
UK Smaller Cos	211.20	224.40	+ 0.20	1.23
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	196.17	209.46	- 3.17	1.10
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	188.00	200.80	+ 4.80	1.01
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0296 431 480				
European	77.04	81.08	+ 0.47	1.64
Ethical Tst	41.62	43.86	- 0.01	1.32
Far Eastern	279.31	294.01	- 0.06	2.04
High Income	124.36	130.91	+ 1.30	4.97
Intl Growth	112.87	118.81	+ 0.10	1.36
North American	106.91	112.54	+ 0.13	1.35
Pelican	110.58	116.40	+ 1.18	3.31
Smaller Cos	82.97	87.34	+ 0.03	2.81
Special Sits	82.78	87.14	+ 0.18	2.46
Tst of Inv Tsts	171.59	180.62	+ 0.44	1.60
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	190.80	198.75	- 0.96	1.47
Smaller Cos Acc	333.87	347.78	- 1.67	1.47
Recovery	48.58	50.60	- 0.32	1.40
Recovery Acc	49.08	51.14	- 0.32	1.40
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0392 412 144				
Balanced	107.62	114.49	+ 0.03	6.07
Capital Growth	76.05	81.55	+ 0.46	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	41.87	44.66	+ 0.14	0.65
High Income #	40.81	43.74	+ 0.07	10.52
Managed	49.79	54.12	- 0.25	...
Zero Preference	36.65	38.89	+ 0.02	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	72.97	77.63	+ 0.209	2.64
Family Income Tst	43.38	45.98	+ 0.190	6.31
Family Trust	79.65	84.73	+ 0.340	1.52
United Charities	247.30	263.10	- 0.10	3.95
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	5.80
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.45	26.55	+ 0.01	7.76
Intl Bond	27.33	28.35	- 0.02	5.35
Income Funds				
High Income	23.69	24.93	+ 0.06	5.22
Income Plus	104.30	110.90	- 0.70	4.29
Nr Eq Inc	45.94	48.63	- 0.07	2.09
European Income	40.63	43.21	+ 0.08	1.77
Far East Inc	58.18	62.95	- 0.18	2.08
Global Convertible	21.83	23.08	+ 0.01	3.73
UK Dev Gth	23.20	24.67	+ 0.13	1.89
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	59.08	63.02	- 0.55	..
American	234.39	248.10	- 0.90	..
Amer Spec Sits	111.20	118.70	+ 0.20	..
Japan Smaller Cos	36.59	39.03	- 0.28	
European	162.70	173.00	+ 0.20	..
European Opps	60.60	64.44	+ 0.03	..
Global Ptfv	23.60	25.15	+ 0.15	1.03
UK Growth	85.32	90.72	- 0.11	
Growth & Inc	133.50	142.00	- 0.10	2.43
Intl PEP	34.94	37.16	+ 0.11	..
Japan Spec Sits	88.25	93.98	- 0.31	..
Japan	179.60	191.60	- 1.40	..
Managed Intl	259.10	276.30	+ 0.20	..
Moneybuilder	50.06	53.23	+ 0.02	..
Recovery	44.87	47.71	- 0.06	..
South E Asia	139.10	147.40	+ 1.80	..
Special Sits	485.30	516.00	+ 0.90	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	108.11	108.11	+ 0.01	5.69
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 814 2700				
Balanced #	128.30	131.20	...	1.62
Inc Ptflo #	81.47	82.98	+ 0.61	4.03
Cap Ptflo	133.70	136.60	+ 0.90	1.32
General Opps	115.50	117.40	..	3.57
Growth Inc	28.63	29.26	+ 0.25	1.84
Private Portfolio	383.70	391.80	.	1.34
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 810				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	109.10	115.30	+ 0.40	0.58
Emrg Asian	159.50	170.80	+ 2.20	..
High Income	20.73	22.01	+ 0.15	10.22
Orcas Income	86.78	92.89	+ 0.07	3.47
UK Growth	100.90	108.00	+ 0.70	1.70
UK Income	100.60	107.20	+ 1.00	3.82
US Smaller Cos	293.10	313.50	+ 1.10	...

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.24	47.57	+ 0.30	3.44
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.42	75.10	+ 2.42	4.38
Intl Growth	64.44	67.76	..	1.31
Investment Trust	84.83	89.20	+ 3.21	..
UK Smaller Cos	74.51	78.35	- 0.04	1.02
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 374 4100				
American Growth	55.44	58.30	+ 0.01	
(Accum Units)	55.44	59.30	+ 0.01	...
Amer Smllr Cos	464.70	497.00	+ 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	474.70	507.70	+ 0.20	...
Capital Tst	289.89	308.20	+ 0.20	1.61
(Accum Units)	413.80	440.10	+ 0.20	1.61
Contl Smllr Cos	57.12	61.25	+ 0.08	0.50
(Accum Units)	60.07	64.41	+ 0.08	0.50
Convertible	120.60	128.30	+ 0.10	5.07
(Accum Units)	243.70	259.20	+ 0.20	5.07
Emerging Markets	67.19	71.78	- 0.21	...
(Accum Units)	67.26	71.85	- 0.20	..
European	113.90	121.00	+ 0.50	0.14
(Accum Units)	118.30	126.80	+ 0.50	0.14
Extra Income	311.40	331.20	+ 2.20	4.06
(Accum Units)	467.80	497.50	+ 0.30	4.06
Financial	118.00	126.80	+ 0.30	0.39
(Accum Units)	124.20	133.60	+ 0.40	0.30
Gilt Trust	61.21	63.12	- 0.13	6.37
(Accum Units)	85.48	88.15	- 0.18	6.37
Health Fund Inc	132.70	141.70	- 0.50	..
(Accum Units)	132.70	141.70	+ 0.50	
Income & Growth	179.10	190.50	+ 2.00	3.32
(Accum Units)	270.40	287.60	+ 2.90	3.32
Intl Growth	341.60	366.40	- 1.40	
(Accum Units)	379.40	406.90	- 1.50	
Japan & Gen	163.40	174.70	+ 1.60	...
(Accum Units)	165.00	176.50	+ 1.70	..
Managed PoA Inc	99.18	104.40	+ 0.30	1.42
(Accum Units)	105.18	110.60	+ 0.32	1.47
Quarterly Income	50.05	53.23	+ 0.19	4.78
(Accum Units)	53.23	58.62	+ 0.21	4.76
Recovery	324.40	346.80	+ 0.40	0.13
(Accum Units)	381.90	408.30	+ 0.50	0.13
UK Growth	51.14	54.58	+ 0.46	2.79
(Accum Units)	52.90	56.46	+ 0.48	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881340				
FP Am Smllr Cos	109.10	116.60	- 1.90	0.0
FP Asian Growth	240.70	256.10	+ 4.58	0.0
FP Equity Dist	361.50	384.50	+ 2.60	2.79
-do- Accum	763.30	812.00	+ 5.40	2.79
FP Euro Gth Dist	138.40	147.20	+ 0.20	0.37
-do- Accum	144.20	153.40	+ 0.20	0.37
FP Fixed Int Dist	129.30	136.80		7.40
-do- Accum	237.10	250.50		7.40
FP Intl Gth Dist	87.26	92.82	- 0.03	0.65
-do- Accum	91.35	97.18	- 0.04	0.65
FP Nth Amer Dist	183.00	193.80	- 0.20	1.23
-do- Accum	201.80	213.50	- 0.20	1.23
FP Pac Basin Dist	289.60	308.00	- 0.30	0.21
-do- Accum	295.50	314.30	- 0.30	0.21
FP Income	51.11	54.51	+ 0.64	4.22
(Accum Units)	165.40	176.40	+ 2.0	4.22
FP Jap Smllr Cos	328.50	350.40	- 3.40	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.41	73.00	+ 0.92	6.08
FP Stg Deposit	100.40	100.40		6.25
FP Tokyo	81.51	86.94	- 0.50	0.0
FP UK Focus	34.52	37.11	+ 0.39	2.09
FP UK Growth	161.80	172.50	+ 1.60	2.79
(Accum Units)	313.20	334.00	+ 3.0	2.79
Stewardship Dist	308.00	327.60		2.10
-do- Accum	376.70	400.70	+ 0.10	2.10
Stwdshp Inc Dist	67.27	71.56	+ 0.06	3.86
-do- Accum	87.26	92.82	+ 0.07	3.86
N Am Stship Dist	93.72	99.70	+ 0.13	0.77
-do- Accum	99.55	105.90	+ 0.10	0.77
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	102.40	108.90	- 0.10	0.93
Open Cap Gth Acc	104.90	111.10	- 0.20	0.29
Cap Gth Inc Inc	98.81	104.90	- 0.10	1.79
Cap Gth Inc Acc	101.10	107.50	- 0.10	1.79
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	100.80	107.20	- 0.10	1.83
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	103.50	110.10	- 0.10	1.83
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.53	47.37	+ 0.06	1.16
Australian	293.90	315.30	- 0.90	0.0
European	195.70	208.10	+ 1.00	0.79
(Accum Units)	211.70	225.20	+ 1.30	0.79
Gilt & FI	54.71	57.86	- 0.09	6.52
Gold	42.76	45.97	- 0.34	0.0
Intl	30.50	32.55	- 0.10	0.50
(Accum Units)	44.23	47.20	- 0.16	0.50
Smaller Cos	28.18	30.30	+ 0.06	1.28
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	222.60	235.40	+ 1.30	2.68
Cash	49.32	50.06	+ 0.01	4.90
Growth Portfolio	73.28	77.68	+ 0.34	1.04
Income Portfolio	81.12	84.63	+ 0.28	4.55
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
071 236 6441				
Special Sits	167.00	178.60	+ 0.10	1.57
Dividend	79.43	84.95	+ 0.59	4.06
Intl Gth & Inc	204.00	218.20	...	3.33
UK & Gen	41.63	44.52	+ 0.04	2.49
Fund of Funds	59.98	64.15	+ 0.03	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	178.70	191.20	+ 0.10	
European	539.80	577.20	+ 2.70	0.47
Far East & Gen	240.30	257.00	- 1.50	..
Germany	112.90	119.50	+ 0.50	..
Income Inc	144.10	154.20	+ 0.60	4.70
(Accum Units)	152.80	163.30	+ 0.60	4.70
International	307.10	328.50	- 1.40	0.21
Intl Income	76.76	81.51	+ 0.38	4.16
Japan & General	368.30	392.60	- 1.60	...
Korean Securities	62.29	66.62	+ 0.03	..
Smllr Cos Div Inc	42.47	45.43	- 0.11	5.28
UK Capital Inc	155.70	166.60	+ 1.10	1.39
UK Capital Acc	272.00	290.92	+ 1.70	1.39
UK Spec Sits	77.78	83.19	+ 0.13	0.74
US & General	131.80	140.20	- 0.30	..
Wwide Spec Sts	141.80	151.50	- 0.60	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.74	47.89	+ 0.57	2.48
Cash Trust	136.43	136.43	+ 0.01	5.99
Practical Inv Inc #	109.08	116.64	+ 0.18	3.52
(Accum Units) #	247.90	265.20	+ 0.40	3.52
UK Index	140.62	143.01	+ 1.38	3.43
UK Smaller Cos	114.37	122.32	- 2.50	1.10
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.51	26.21	- 0.07	9.42
High Income	31.46	33.56	+ 0.17	5.33
UK Equity Income	127.88	136.78	+ 1.39	3.75
Global Bond	27.83	28.85	- 0.02	5.34
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	46.26	49.48	- 0.30	0.16
Global Inc & Gth	126.29	134.52	- 0.10	2.26
Gold & Intl Res	93.41	100.32	+ 0.42	0.07
Global Utilities	125.08	134.24	+ 0.28	1.24
Overseas Funds				
American	139.65	149.01	+ 0.28	1.19
European	97.65	103.60	+ 0.57	1.02
Euro Sel Opps	140.13	149.06	+ 0.66	..
Amer Emerging	96.24	102.93	- 0.81	..
Hong Kong	126.08	134.99	+ 1.43	1.85
Japan	226.69	240.65	- 2.49	...
Pacific Growth	201.59	215.60	+ 0.73	1.53
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	203.52	203.52	+ 1.29	2.13
Long Term Bal	223.21	223.21	+ 1.18	3.10
Med Term Bal	190.52	190.57	+ 0.73	3.66
UK Equity	230.29	230.29	+ 2.53	3.54
UK Emerging Cos	132.35	132.35	+ 0.29	2.33
American	231.02	231.02	- 0.45	1.51
Japan	118.42	118.42	- 1.20	..
European	253.09	253.09	+ 1.32	1.09
Index Linked Gilt	165.16	165.16	+ 0.07	3.02
Fixed Interest	154.08	154.08	+ 0.04	6.85
Amer Emerge	248.09	248.09	+ 0.76	0.20
Pacific	219.00	219.00	+ 1.34	0.98
Emerging Mkts	128.45	128.45	- 1.94	0.97
Index Strat Japan	143.85	143.85	- 1.16	0.27
-do- Pacific Rim	169.98	169.98	+ 1.01	1.41
-do- Cont Europe	145.69	145.69	+ 0.97	1.78
Index Strat USA	132.45	132.45	- 0.01	2.32
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	96.15	102.28	+ 0.65	..
Med Term Bal	90.68	96.45	+ 0.37	..
Long Term Bal	100.49	106.90	+ 0.57	..
UK Equity	106.50	113.30	+ 1.25	..
UK Emerging Cos	62.05	66.01	+ 0.15	..
American	107.12	113.96	- 0.22	..
Japan	56.86	60.49	- 0.62	..
European	105.45	112.18	+ 0.58	..
Fixed Interest	78.03	83.01	+ 0.11	..
Index Linked Gilt	73.34	78.02	..	..
Deposit	80.04	85.15	+ 0.01	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	111.80	118.90	- 0.20	..
Berkeley Income #	105.80	112.80	- 0.10	3.88
BWH Intl	131.51	139.43	- 0.10	0.61
BrdMt Gth Port Inc	58.05	61.27	- 0.06	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	53.92	58.91	- 0.05	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	50.89	53.71	- 0.07	0.10
Slew Utilities	56.74	59.88	+ 0.81	2.86
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 071 493 9990				
$ Intl Inc	514.89	547.72	..	1.54
(Accum Units)	572.63	609.18	..	1.54
European Inc	136.78	145.50	..	0.89
Antelgam Inc	136.46	144.37	..	..
N America Inc	313.38	333.38	..	..
Far East Inc	312.75	332.71	..	...
(Accum Units)	323.92	344.60	..	...
UK Divid Inc	168.01	178.73	..	1.53
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	84.08	88.43	+ 0.44	4.71
UK Small Cos	45.31	48.46	- 0.05	1.01
British Growth	50.98	53.81	+ 0.29	2.57
American Gwth	161.91	173.17	+ 2.55	
Japan Gwth	71.22	76.18	- 0.34	
Greater China	180.09	192.51	+ 1.83	..
Pacific Strategy	150.26	160.71	- 1.99	..
European Gwth	82.50	88.23	+ 0.08	0.59
Intl Growth	137.18	146.71	+ 0.45	..
US Index (£)	13.44	14.17	- 0.01	4.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Inc	70.94	75.06	+ 0.46	2.28
Monthly Income	35.94	38.28	+ 0.14	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	9.96	10.50	+ 0.18	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 488 1212				
Small Cos	82.80	88.08	+ 1.38	1.74
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
071 538 8686				
Cash	138.00	138.00		5.74
European	468.00	499.80	+ 0.30	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	125.70	133.40		5.83
Growth Equity	309.20	330.30	+ 1.89	2.07
Income Trust	123.80	132.20	+ 0.80	3.12
International	172.20	183.90	- 0.10	..
Japan Trust	121.00	129.20	- 0.80	...
Nth American	255.10	272.50	- 0.80	0.20
Pacific	507.40	542.00	+ 0.40	..
Guardhill	462.30	493.90	+ 2.80	2.03
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
071 522 2128				
EMU Trust	100.57	104.38	+ 0.33	8.55
Global High Inc	98.31	102.03	+ 0.35	6.62
Prem Fixed Int	100.61	104.43	- 0.08	8.37
Eqty & Bond Inc	97.83	104.02	+ 0.13	5.17
European Growth	98.87	104.91	+ 0.02	...
Intl PEP Trust	57.83	61.28	+ 0.26	..
High Income	114.52	121.76		4.28
-do- Accum	157.55	167.52	+ 0.01	4.28
Recovery	349.50	371.60	- 0.50	1.67
(Accum Units)	401.20	426.80	- 0.50	1.67
St Vnc High Inc	120.27	122.07	- 0.19	7.17
UK Emerg Cos	234.90	249.70	- 0.50	1.49
UK Smll Cos	334.60	340.50	- 0.10	2.16
Glob Prw Tst	90.04	95.73	- 0.17	1.82
(Accum Units)	90.88	95.63	- 0.16	1.52
Inc Share Tst	87.05	92.55	+ 1.72	8.09
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	24.22	25.68	+ 0.23	2.00
Growth Acc	24.22	25.68	+ 0.23	2.00
Income	24.28	25.74	+ 0.24	3.50
Income Acc	24.28	25.74	+ 0.24	3.50
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	191.30	203.80	+ 1.80	2.68
Smaller Cos	30.50	32.45	- 0.15	0.89
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	277.97	297.42	+ 1.08	1.20
Best of British	61.30	65.16	+ 0.71	2.75
UK Smaller Cos	118.34	127.21	+ 0.27	1.62
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	262.42	279.46	+ 2.75	3.68
(Accum Units)	705.42	751.24	+ 7.40	3.68

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income #	300.94	321.70	+ 1.48	4.18
Extra Income #	266.27	283.17	- 2.01	5.95
Pref & Gilt	45.60	49.01	+ 0.10	8.71
International				
International	255.11	271.39	- 0.35	0.61
Global Bond	52.21	55.54	- 0.06	6.53
Family of Funds	77.37	82.74	- 0.11	0.18
Global Tech	150.18	160.61	+ 0.19	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	162.85	174.15	+ 0.31	0.42
European	455.95	483.18	+ 2.06	0.36
European Income	78.44	82.99	+ 0.21	2.73
Euro Smlr Cos	148.16	158.97		0.05
Eur Sp Sits	68.54	72.91	+ 0.13	0.22
(Accum Units)	73.42	78.10	+ 0.13	0.22
Japan Trust	200.61	213.49	- 2.43	
Japan Special Sits	226.52	241.20	- 1.94	
Pacific Smlr Cos	235.06	251.51	+ 0.25	..
North American	235.49	250.25	- 0.76	0.52
American Smaller	105.65	112.95	+ 0.10	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	55.83	59.17	+ 0.04	
Eur Sp Sits	59.07	62.61	+ 0.11	.
General Growth	41.74	44.24	+ 0.45	
Global Tech	58.76	62.28	+ 0.07	.
Income Growth	40.45	42.87	+ 0.40	
Japan Growth	24.57	26.04	- 0.30	
Smaller Cos	21.28	22.55		
Special Opps	28.32	30.01	+ 0.06	..
Wwide Sp Sits	46.51	49.30	- 0.01	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
081 686 4355				
British	93.17	97.56	+ 0.87	2.00
Capital	163.80	171.50	+ 1.10	1.58
Dollar	338.20	354.10	- 0.20	0.90
Enterprise Gth	304.20	318.50	- 2.30	2.02
European	215.70	225.80	+ 1.20	0.40
Far East	298.60	312.60	+ 2.70	0.07
Financial	763.00	798.90	+ 5.50	1.60
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.88	25.87	- 0.01	7.60
High Yield	99.06	103.70	+ 0.20	4.38
Income & Growth	136.00	142.40	+ 1.30	3.85
International	240.40	251.70	+ 1.40	
Japanese General	191.10	200.10	- 1.90	
Japan Tech	78.75	82.36	- 0.87	
Nat Resources	66.65	69.79	+ 0.14	..
Portfolio	68.68	71.91	+ 0.39	1.46
Smaller Cos	119.20	124.80	+ 0.30	1.63
Special Sits	144.10	150.80	+ 1.40	1.71
UK Emerging Cos	88.08	92.22		1.02
US Smaller Cos	82.50	86.38	- 0.09	.
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	96.04	102.50	+ 0.50	6.74
Capital	558.30	595.70	+ 6.50	2.52
Income #	528.90	564.90	+ 6.0	5.24
Footsie Fund	50.91	53.81	+ 0.56	2.81
Yorkie Index	102.00	108.90	- 1.20	2.16
UK Index	131.20	140.00	+ 1.30	3.20
International Funds				
American Growth	476.30	508.30	- 0.80	0.63
American Index	197.70	210.80		1.21
European Growth	107.80	114.70	+ 0.30	0.33
Eurotrack 100	152.70	162.40	+ 1.10	0.87
Global Bond	20.42	21.54	- 0.03	6.04
Japan Growth	257.90	274.50	- 2.60	
Japan Index	75.88	80.98	- 1.02	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	33.46	35.71	- 0.30	.
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	52.31	55.83	+ 0.07	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	89.02	95.01	+ 1.39	1.49
Spore & Mlysa Gth	69.41	74.08	+ 0.31	.
Tiger Index	194.90	208.00	- 0.10	1.39
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.69	29.78	+ 0.07	1.10
General Funds				
Managed	68.36	70.85	- 0.31	1.97
Rupert Child Fnd	80.76	83.62	+ 0.90	2.56
UK Growth	56.65	58.80	+ 0.68	2.45
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.04	50.04		4.87
Cashbox (Acc)	59.00	59.00		4.87
UK Extra Inc	81.56	84.68	+ 0.58	6.71
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.76	26.56	+ 0.01	7.73
UK Inc & Gwth	38.56	40.02	+ 0.36	4.02
UK Income	320.60	332.70	+ 3.40	3.81
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.92	49.62	+ 0.09	0.57
Amer Smlr Cos	113.10	117.30	.	
(Accum Units)	114.30	118.60		
Europe Gth	146.50	151.70	- 0.80	.
(Accum Units)	151.40	156.80	- 0.70	
Euro Smaller Cos	37.36	38.39	- 0.09	
French Growth	72.75	75.51	+ 0.54	0.35
Accum Units	78.05	81.01	+ 0.58	0.35
H Kong & China	72.90	75.66	+ 1.97	1.97
Intl Growth	54.93	57.01	+ 0.09	0.69
(Accum Units)	55.39	57.49	+ 0.09	0.69
Japan Gth	31.03	32.20	- 0.40	
Accum Units	31.03	32.20	- 0.40	
Japan Smaller Cos	38.47	39.93	- 0.56	
Glob Emg Mkts	91.88	95.35	- 0.37	
Accum Units	92.51	96.02	- 0.28	.
SE Asia	299.80	311.10	- 0.40	0.50
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	52.44	54.02	- 0.09	6.00



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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
071 581 3020				
American Cap	133.30	141.70	+ 1.40	
Income	140.93	149.92	+ 0.39	3.99
UK Growth	51.90	55.21	+ 0.19	0.97
International	72.18	76.78	- 0.04	0.29
Ecology	76.45	81.32	+ 0.17	1.32
European	118.18	125.46	+ 0.30	
Far Eastern	282.20	300.20	- 2.10	..
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.71	51.82	+ 1.00	7.43
Gilt Yield	113.00	119.30	+ 0.20	6.71
Global Income	202.90	215.80	+ 2.82	4.19
High Yield	132.10	140.50	+ 1.49	6.29
(Accum Units)	399.60	425.10	+ 4.68	6.29
Smllr Cos Div	48.48	51.57	- 1.88	3.25
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.82	92.15	+ 0.06	
North American	75.58	80.40	+ 0.06	0.18
European Special	105.60	112.30	+ 0.30	0.13
European	148.30	157.80	+ 1.10	0.38
(Accum Units)	194.80	207.20	+ 1.50	0.38
General	263.60	280.40	+ 5.10	3.23
Japan	383.80	408.30	- 3.50	..
Japanese Special	224.50	238.80	- 1.30	..
Master Accum	225.50	239.90	+ 0.50	0.57
Pacific	308.40	329.10	- 1.80	...
(Accum Units)	362.90	386.10	- 1.80	
Smaller Cos	102.60	109.10	..	0.53
UK Equity Growth	36.70	39.04	+ 0.03	1.66
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	59.22	63.00	+ 0.08	..
Inv Trust	62.97	66.98	+ 0.01	..
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.24	59.82	+ 0.10	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.97	57.41	+ 0.12	2.90
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 588 2800				
Income	546.30	557.40	...	6.33
Intl & General	386.60	396.50	..	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	253.23	269.38	+ 2.67	5.57
Inc & Growth Inc	53.71	57.14	+ 0.45	4.74
Smaller Cos	53.30	56.70	+ 0.14	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	233.50	248.30	+ 1.80	2.19
High Income	104.10	110.70	+ 0.90	4.36
International	94.96	101.00	+ 0.20	0.80
Recovery Trust	60.21	64.05	+ 0.58	1.59
European Trust	79.35	84.42	- 0.02	1.03
Japanese Trust	41.51	44.15	- 0.41	..
American Trust	85.15	90.57	+ 0.29	..
Managed	64.46	68.57	+ 0.18	0.55
Cash	51.33	51.33	+ 0.01	5.29
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 374 0916				
UK Cap	346.20	351.90	+ 2.78	2.61
UK Inc/Gth	369.30	374.40	+ 3.19	3.46
UK Income	259.80	264.30	+ 3.10	4.41
UK Sm Cos	228.10	232.20	+ 0.20	2.10
Euro Gwth	121.90	122.80	- 0.50	..
N Amer Gwth	80.89	81.67	+ 0.60	0.11
Japan Growth	81.70	82.32	- 1.21	...
Liberty Mkt	122.14	122.14	.	1.510
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	451.60	480.40	+ 4.00	2.73
(Accum Units)	888.40	945.10	+ 8.00	2.73
Equity Income	92.57	98.59	+ 0.79	4.15
UK Tactical Allocation	54.26	57.64	+ 0.73	3.08
European	112.70	119.90	+ 0.80	0.98
Far Eastern	210.40	223.80	- 0.10	..
Fixed Interest	50.53	53.76	+ 0.05	6.81
Gilt	87.12	92.39	+ 0.18	8.67
Global Growth	72.05	76.65	+ 0.11	0.10
Intl Bond	50.49	53.62	- 0.01	5.26
Japanese	67.98	72.32	- 0.64	..
North American	144.30	153.50	+ 0.20	1.03
Pacific Growth	104.20	110.88	+ 0.70	0.19
UK Index	59.84	63.16	+ 0.56	3.20
UK Recovery	86.41	91.93	+ 0.89	1.83
UK Smaller Cos	114.40	121.70	+ 0.19	1.55
US Index	59.65	62.96	+ 0.02	1.79
European Index	72.33	76.34	+ 0.41	1.57
Japan Index	39.58	41.77	- 0.40	..
Worldwide	79.67	84.75	+ 0.28	1.42
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 821				
Growth	47.87	51.45	+ 0.46	2.14
Income	56.39	60.63	+ 0.61	3.10
Far East	49.98	53.45	- 0.79	..
North American	89.64	95.89	+ 0.12	..
Global	86.80	92.90	+ 0.03	0.18
European	83.84	89.67	+ 0.15	0.38
Japan	101.60	108.70	- 1.00	..
Intl Currency Bd	56.83	60.30	- 0.04	4.08
SE Asia	99.97	106.00	+ 0.10	..
UK Cap Growth	88.23	94.36	+ 0.89	1.38
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	327.60	348.60	+ 6.10	2.97
-do- Acc	745.20	792.80	+ 13.80	2.97
Contl Euro Gth	61.96	65.22	- 0.17	0.85
-do- Acc	66.20	69.69	- 0.18	0.85
Extra Inc	245.90	261.90	- 4.40	4.14
-do- Acc	638.40	679.20	+ 11.70	4.14
FTSE 100 Inc	94.84	100.90	- 0.70	2.84
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German Gth	123.40	129.98	- 0.20	0.06
-do- Acc	129.40	136.30	- 0.50	0.06
Growth Port	521.70	555.00	- 9.30	0.31
-do- Acc	530.40	564.30	+ 9.50	0.31
Hi Reserve Inc #	96.63	102.80	+ 0.30	6.04
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Income	469.00	499.00	+ 2.30	3.51
-do- Acc	£12.59	£13.40	- 6.00	3.91
Income Port	494.80	526.40	- 1.60	4.61
-do- Acc	524.90	558.50	+ 1.70	4.01
Japan Growth	96.09	102.30	- 1.20	..
-do- Acc	96.49	102.60	- 1.30	
Master Trust	55.58	59.15	- 0.11	1.59
-do- Acc	62.04	66.01	- 0.13	1.59
N American Gen	175.20	186.40	- 0.40	0.53
-do- Acc	202.30	215.30	- 0.40	0.93
NAm Sm Co Rec	134.10	142.70	- 0.20	.
-do- Acc	136.80	145.60	- 0.20	
Pacific Basin	234.30	249.30	+ 1.50	0.71
-do- Acc	248.90	264.80	- 1.50	0.71
Small Cos Rec	339.30	357.20	- 0.10	2.12
-do- Acc	453.70	477.60	- 0.10	2.12
UK Growth	81.58	86.79	- 1.55	2.62
-do- Acc	99.17	105.50	- 1.80	2.62
Worldwide Gth	294.50	313.30	- 0.20	0.57
-do- Acc	434.40	462.20	- 3.50	0.57
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
0392 282 673				
American	63.11	67.70	+ 0.02	0.10
General	81.72	87.68	- 0.45	2.60
Income	62.64	67.21	- 0.32	5.50
International	60.16	64.54	- 0.90	0.50
Japan	54.81	58.80	- 0.40	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.78	68.43	- 0.02	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Acres & General	381.40	403.30	- 0.80	0.78
(Accum Units)	475.20	502.50	- 1.00	0.78
Amer Recovery	439.40	464.70	- 0.20	0.57
(Accum Units)	504.20	533.30	- 0.20	0.57
Amer Smlr Cos	129.00	136.40	+ 0.30	
(Accum Units)	131.80	139.30	- 0.20	
Australian	145.90	154.30	- 0.90	2.26
(Accum Units)	176.80	187.00	- 1.10	2.26
Capital	786.60	831.80	+ 1.70	2.72
(Accum Units)	893.70	945.00	- 1.90	2.72
Charifund	646.50	653.00	+ 1.70	5.91
(Accum Units)	£30.17	£30.48	- 8.00	5.91
Commodity	366.10	387.20	- 0.60	0.37
(Accum Units)	537.50	568.40	- 1.00	0.37
Compound Grth	891.30	942.60	+ 1.10	3.97
(Accum Units)	934.30	988.00	- 1.10	3.07
Dividend	37.40	39.60	+ 0.10	5.86
(Accum Units)	157.00	166.30	+ 0.60	4.86
Equity Income	329.60	348.60	+ 0.30	5.05
(Accum Units)	419.50	443.70	- 0.40	5.05
Euro & General	482.00	509.70	- 1.30	1.13
(Accum Units)	609.70	644.70	- 1.50	1.13
Euro Dividend	66.70	70.50	- 0.10	3.76
(Accum Units)	80.30	84.90	+ 0.30	3.76
Extra Yield	394.20	416.90	- 1.10	4.97
(Accum Units)	£12.23	£12.94	- 3.40	4.97
Far Eastern	331.90	351.00	+ 3.90	0.34
(Accum Units)	439.70	465.00	- 5.10	0.34
Fund of Inv Tsts	571.50	604.80	- 0.40	2.15
(Accum Units)	£10.68	£11.29	- 0.70	2.15
General	57.40	60.70	+ 0.20	2.91
(Accum Units)	161.40	170.90	- 0.50	5.91
Gilt Income	59.25	59.36	- 0.05	6.06
(Accum Units)	162.47	162.78	- 0.14	6.06
Gold	58.80	62.20	- 1.20	1.20
(Accum Units)	69.40	73.50	- 1.50	1.20
High Income	26.90	28.40	- 0.10	4.92
(Accum Units)	107.80	113.90	+ 0.30	4.92
Intl Growth	72.60	76.80	+ 0.20	1.07
(Accum Units)	126.70	134.00	- 0.30	1.07
International Inc	94.30	99.70	- 0.32	4.64
(Accum Units)	140.00	147.90	+ 0.40	4.64
Japan & Gen	44.10	46.60	- 0.20	
(Accum Units)	47.30	50.00	- 0.32	
Japan Smlr Cos	156.70	165.70	- 0.20	
(Accum Units)	157.80	166.90	- 0.29	
Managed Income	26.30	27.80	- 0.10	4.09
Midland	58.60	62.00		3.73
(Accum Units)	195.80	207.20	- 0.10	3.23
Pension Ex	880.90	903.00	- 2.10	4.53
Recovery	38.80	41.00	- 0.10	2.88
(Accum Units)	63.70	67.30	- 0.10	2.85
Second General	66.10	69.90	- 0.10	3.62
(Accum Units)	171.70	181.60	- 2.32	3.62
Smlr Cos	65.80	69.50	- 0.29	3.25
(Accum Units)	129.20	136.70	- 0.30	3.25
Sterling Hi Int	24.08	24.17	- 0.02	8.58
Treasury	25.85	25.10	+ 0.01	5.92
Trustee	39.30	41.60	+ 0.10	4.64
(Accum Units)	156.50	167.70	+ 0.50	4.64
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	78.25	83.24	- 0.45	1.02
Intl Bond	61.19	64.32	- 0.03	6.05
Intl Equity Growth	67.37	71.61	- 0.02	0.75
N Amer Growth	93.89	99.68	- 0.16	1.00
Special Sits Growth	20.36	21.66	- 0.06	1.75
UK Growth	353.00	375.50	+ 1.90	2.53
(Accum Units)	460.50	489.80	+ 2.50	2.93
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.24	£12.47	.	3.30
Income #	924.00	938.70		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 222 4242				
Maldon General	134.80	138.90		4.39
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	190.30	203.50	+ 1.70	2.48
Gilt & Fxd Int	168.10	177.10	- 0.10	6.81
Intl Growth	199.90	213.20	- 0.70	0.29
North American	179.80	192.10	- 1.00	0.60
Far East	253.90	271.60	+ 0.70	1.19
UK Smaller Cos	164.38	175.70	+ 0.40	1.74
European	79.09	84.11	+ 0.22	0.13
Japanese Growth	45.37	48.34	- 0.34	
High Income	180.90	193.50	+ 1.40	4.33
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0244 680 068				
M & S Inv Ptflo	145.00	152.60	+ 0.53	2.28
-do- Accum	166.98	175.60	+ 0.53	2.28
UK Sel Ptflo	124.20	130.80	+ 1.00	2.54
-do- Accum	144.40	152.00	+ 1.00	2.54
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	84.72	88.85	+ 1.59	3.97
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 479 4646				
Intl Income	67.86	72.04	+ 0.06	4.50
European	78.05	82.88	+ 0.08	0.40
Income #	69.45	73.73	+ 0.13	6.07
Nth American	61.82	65.63	+ 0.83	0.57
Far East	155.70	165.30	- 0.50	..
Japan	51.46	54.63	- 0.53	..
Emging Mkts	91.27	97.62	- 0.35	
Intl Growth	102.30	108.68	..	0.77
UK Growth	86.05	91.35	+ 1.57	1.16
UK Smlr Co	43.93	46.64	- 0.02	1.01
Asian Opps Fd	38.15	38.66	+ 0.13	0.35
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
071 407 5966				
Income	403.03	428.76	+ 5.84	4.17
Global Inc	67.59	71.90	+ 0.39	2.88
Brit Leaders	338.97	360.61	+ 5.42	2.48
Intl Leaders	197.83	210.46	+ 1.11	0.78
PAM Mg Bal Grth	60.13	62.47	- 0.04	0.86
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 071 280 2800				
American	194.50	206.50	- 0.50	.
(Accum Units)	207.90	220.70	- 0.60	
American Opps	89.63	94.98	+ 0.680	
(Accum Units)	90.13	95.14	+ 0.680	..
British Blue Chip	75.58	80.28	+ 0.680	3.01
(Accum Units)	93.18	98.98	+ 0.850	3.01
Cash	100.30	100.30		6.25
(Accum Units)	137.80	137.80		6.26
Emerging Mkts	98.91	106.40	- 1.20	0.13
(Accum Units)	99.00	106.50	- 1.20	0.13
European Growth	238.20	252.40	- 0.10	0.18
(Accum Units)	256.80	272.00	- 0.20	0.18
European Income	88.44	94.95	+ 0.070	3.38
(Accum Units)	108.10	114.20	+ 0.100	3.38
General	477.50	508.30	+ 3.200	2.44
(Accum Units)	930.90	990.80	+ 6.200	2.44
Global Bond	120.30	126.40	- 0.20	5.47
(Accum Units)	145.80	152.30	- 0.20	5.47
Gold & General	191.80	208.20	+ 3.600	0.44
(Accum Units)	196.90	211.70	+ 3.700	0.44
Govt Securities	88.43	91.17	- 0.01	6.23
(Accum Units)	172.20	177.40	- 0.10	6.23
Income	142.10	150.90	+ 1.000	4.60
(Accum Units)	224.00	238.10	+ 1.700	4.60
Inc Portfolio #	92.31	97.97	+ 0.410	5.31
(Accum Units) #	93.36	99.06	+ 0.420	5.31
Intl Opps	433.60	461.40	- 1.00	0.35
(Accum Units)	579.10	616.20	- 1.40	0.35
Japan	165.70	175.60	- 1.20	
(Accum Units)	170.10	180.30	- 1.20	
New Europe	167.40	178.60	- 0.20	0.79
(Accum Units)	172.90	184.40	- 0.10	0.79
Pacific	112.70	120.20	+ 0.900	0.85
(Accum Units)	120.60	128.60	+ 0.900	0.85
Recovery	274.90	293.20	+ 0.400	0.88
(Accum Units)	350.80	374.20	+ 0.580	0.88
UK Smaller Cos	53.10	56.64	+ 0.020	0.91
(Accum Units)	60.03	64.03	+ 0.020	0.91
Portfolio	76.33	81.04	+ 0.360	2.85
(Accum Units)	89.52	95.16	+ 0.430	2.85
Managed Grth	83.75	88.15	+ 0.200	1.94
Managed Inc	98.34	102.00	+ 0.300	4.41
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	110.59	117.65	+ 0.01	0.91
Portfolio	63.35	67.39	+ 0.25	0.07
UK Income Inc	72.25	76.86	+ 0.48	4.80
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	58.24	61.09	+ 0.22	3.27
(Accum Units)	61.38	64.27	+ 0.23	3.27
British Tst	81.36	85.21	+ 0.85	2.19
(Accum Units)	93.55	97.95	+ 0.98	2.19
Extra High Inc	65.46	68.54	+ 0.01	6.64
(Accum Units)	126.70	132.60		6.64
FT-SE 100 Acc	52.03	54.49	+ 0.58	3.24
FT-SE 100 Dist	51.24	53.65	- 0.57	3.24
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.20	55.36	+ 0.07	7.09
(Accum Units)	153.90	160.10	- 0.20	7.09
High Yield	213.20	223.20	+ 0.40	5.81
(Accum Units)	534.10	559.20	+ 1.0	5.81
Income	270.60	283.40	+ 2.10	3.72
(Accum Units)	596.80	625.60	- 4.70	3.72
Money Market UT	49.27	49.27	- 0.01	5.45
(Accum Units)	77.62	77.62	+ 0.02	5.45
Monthly Income	82.78	86.16	+ 0.35	6.15
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	97.48	103.70	+ 1.0	1.89
European Growth	101.40	107.90	- 0.30	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	83.81	88.90	- 0.11	6.24
Income	81.04	88.21	- 0.62	2.96
Japan Growth	50.29	53.31	- 0.42	
Managed	65.82	70.02	- 0.38	2.51
Money Market	86.80	92.01	+ 0.02	4.37
North American	86.56	91.76	- 0.72	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	88.50	94.15	+ 0.92	1.88
European Growth	95.40	101.10	- 0.30	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Inc	79.91	84.76	+ 0.10	6.30
Income	79.61	84.69	- 0.61	3.03
Japan Growth	50.29	53.21	- 0.42	
Managed	63.53	67.58	+ 0.23	2.46
Money Market	80.26	85.07	+ 0.02	4.32
North American	78.90	83.64	- 0.64	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	88.47	94.12	+ 0.92	1.86
European Growth	93.14	98.73	- 0.23	
Gilt & Fixed Int	73.15	77.59	- 0.09	6.36
Income	78.62	83.64	+ 0.61	3.06
Japan Growth	51.37	54.45	- 0.43	
Managed	66.30	70.53	+ 0.25	2.46
Money Market	74.79	79.28	+ 0.02	4.39
North American	87.38	92.62	- 0.72	0.45
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
Intercontinental (US$)	11.71	12.46	..	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	338.40	359.60	- 0.80	..
European Gth Inc	438.80	468.30	- 2.20	0.29
(Accum Units)	441.50	473.40	- 2.30	0.29
Intl Gwth	188.70	201.10	- 0.10	
UK Equity Inc	174.60	186.10	+ 1.40	3.22
UK Ind Trckr Inc	150.80	161.30	- 1.00	2.78
(Accum Units)	179.00	191.50	+ 1.20	2.78
US Eq Inc Trk Inc	197.90	209.90	- 0.10	1.54
Japan Tracker	72.36	78.64	- 0.60	
Asian Tracker	193.00	208.60	+ 1.50	0.30
Managed Inc	148.70	158.90	+ 0.20	1.48
Deposit Inc	99.79	99.79	+ 0.01	6.74
Europa	172.30	184.80	- 1.80	0.28
Success	148.60	163.30	- 0.20	2.23
High Income	21.36	22.65	+ 0.10	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	90.48	92.44	+ 0.25	2.46
Acumen Inc	85.64	87.49	+ 0.23	2.45
Acumen Reserve	82.28	83.09	- 0.06	8.21
-do- Inc	70.64	71.34	- 0.06	8.21
American Growth	149.30	153.80	- 0.50	..
Cash Income	49.54	49.54		5.76
Equity Income #	90.46	92.82	+ 0.53	4.59
European	68.23	69.88	+ 0.25	0.06
Smaller Cos	74.16	77.57	+ 0.27	1.01
Glinvest	61.75	63.06	- 0.03	0.52
Global Bond	42.29	42.75	- 0.02	7.09
UK Growth	88.28	90.69	+ 0.46	1.77
Pacific Growth	98.59	102.50	+ 1.40	
Japan Growth	90.07	91.52	- 0.96	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	116.48	123.91	- 1.28	2.91
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
061 237 5322				
UK Growth	70.80	75.32	+ 1.61	2.24
UK Income	103.06	109.64	+ 1.08	3.99
Higher Income	203.01	215.97	- 1.84	4.96
Smaller Cos	75.26	80.07	- 0.14	2.30
International	92.02	97.89	+ 0.41	1.75
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
071 623 4200				
American Dist	100.19	107.15	- 0.27	0.13
European Dist	107.30	114.70	+ 0.20	0.02
Far East Dist	168.70	180.40	- 0.20	
Global Care Dist	65.26	69.80	+ 0.17	1.17
Oseas Dist	289.50	310.36	- 1.90	0.08
(Accum Units)	£12.58	£13.45	- 2.30	0.08
UK Dist	327.90	350.70	+ 3.30	2.33
(Accum Units)	643.30	688.00	+ 6.60	2.33
UK Extra Inc Dist	72.43	77.46	- 0.42	4.43
Wwide Dist	100.48	107.47	- 0.41	0.35
Wwide Inc Dist	67.56	72.56	- 0.18	2.62
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Eurotrack Inc	62.55	66.03	+ 0.25	0.48
Fund of Funds Inc	55.67	58.75	- 0.24	0.89
North America Inc	48.54	51.65	+ 0.19	0.50
UK Equity Grth Inc	55.99	59.09	- 0.49	2.12
(Accum Units)	58.11	61.33	- 0.51	2.12
UK General Inc	55.00	58.05	- 0.49	2.58
UK Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	45.81	48.23	+ 0.04	7.28
UK Income Inc	54.44	57.46	+ 0.53	3.13
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	219.13	233.12	+ 1.93	3.51
Global	323.48	325.24	- 0.14	0.13
General	175.43	186.63	+ 0.48	1.63
Bond	113.62	120.58	- 0.28	6.34
Growth	118.19	125.74	+ 1.06	2.43
[illegible]	105.37	112.73		1.90
[illegible]	89.21	95.34		2.23
[illegible]	88.01	93.62	- 0.79	3.19
Formerly Capel House				
American Gwth Tst	35.37	37.62	- 0.36	
Cash Income	52.43	52.49	+ 0.01	5.50
European Gwth	38.36	40.90	- 0.18	0.16
Income & Gwth Inc	25.29	27.68	+ 0.34	4.52
[illegible] Gwth	28.16	30.11	- 0.21	0.54
Japan Gwth	25.22	26.97	- 0.25	
Managed Tst Inc	45.77	48.95	+ 0.30	2.55
Overseas Opps Inc	133.20	143.00	- 2.10	..
Property Shares	32.95	35.76	- 0.13	0.88
Smaller Cos	29.27	31.30	+ 0.11	1.75
UK Growth Tst	34.63	36.34	+ 0.22	2.02
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	63.20	74.01	+ 0.53	1.72
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.39	68.54	+ 0.67	2.91
Energy (E)	29.84	30.76		1.76
Foundation	87.75	93.64	+ 0.61	3.47
German	50.11	53.35	+ 0.48	..
High Income	70.57	75.47	+ 0.63	6.48
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90	..	1.07
Monthly Income	74.91	80.11	- 0.45	4.49
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
0603 682 234				
Master Trust	117.28	123.75	+ 0.47	2.02
UK Equity	131.83	139.77	+ 1.41	3.13
UK Equity Income	125.27	131.86	+ 1.23	3.32
UK Smaller Cos	110.52	116.35	- 0.97	1.33
UK Equity Growth	123.42	129.92	+ 1.25	2.36
UK Index Trckg	133.56	140.59	- 0.05	3.64
Intl Index Trckg	139.52	146.88	- 0.29	1.16
International	224.75	236.58	+ 0.25	0.37
European	190.34	200.04	+ 0.52	0.18
Pan European	125.37	132.02	+ 0.80	1.34
Nth American	170.11	179.06	+ 0.40	0.26
N Amer Smlr Cos	180.94	190.46	+ 1.04	
Japanese	90.46	95.22	- 0.68	.
Pacific	218.34	229.83	+ 0.12	0.15
South East Asian	241.05	253.74	+ 1.34	0.41
Intl Bond	127.87	134.60	- 0.09	4.96
Gilt & Convertible	101.58	106.93	+ 0.15	6.83
Property	92.09	96.41	+ 0.08	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
0256 768 888				
European Inc	251.10	269.40	.	.
(Accum Units)	265.70	285.00		.
Japan Inc	105.60	112.70	- 0.50	.
Nth American Inc	105.40	112.00	- 0.70	0.01
Worldwide Inc	152.70	164.30	- 0.10	0.44
Hong Kong Inc	125.70	134.90	+ 1.80	1.75
Swiss Equities Inc	65.31	69.68	+ 0.25	..
Wwide Bond Inc	60.08	63.58	- 0.15	5.42
Emging Asia Inc	208.40	226.20	- 1.40	0.28
(Accum Units)	209.20	227.10	+ 1.50	0.28
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.06	50.06	+ 0.01	5.89
Thailand Inc	168.90	181.70	+ 2.20	1.27
Gold Trust Inc	68.54	72.36	+ 1.71	0.11
New Zealand Inc	84.39	90.96	+ 0.32	1.71
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	60.95	65.50	+ 0.21	1.22
Latin Am Cmp Inc	61.47	67.02	- 0.90	0.40
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	56.34	68.46	+ 0.52	2.57
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	74.28	79.44	- 0.07	.
Global Portfolio	66.39	71.01	- 0.06	..
Global Opps	65.12	69.66	- 0.16	
March Global Gth	61.34	65.05	...	
AAM Global Equity	51.95	55.06	- 0.43	
CAM Eng Gwth Inc	85.65	91.93	+ 0.36	
Temple Equity Inc	41.70	45.59	+ 0.40	3.45
Hartley Growth	70.38	74.60	.	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	83.19	88.97	+ 0.10	0.81
IPS Portfolio Inc	79.44	84.96	- 0.15	.
St Jms Mkt Inc Inc	46.50	48.31		
Premier Ptfls Inc	65.21	69.74	- 0.06	1.42
Roxburgh Strat Gth	69.03	73.83	+ 0.05	
Tech Analysts	94.73	100.40	+ 0.88	..
Rosebery Growth	44.60	48.68	- 0.78	0.05
International Strat	74.44	79.61	- 0.09	0.10
UFC Ind-Act Gth	51.58	55.85	- 0.11	
Coverdale Topaz	47.84	51.80	- 0.11	.
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	44.05	46.25	- 0.71	0.89
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 636 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	230.60	244.70	+ 1.30	2.75
(Accum Units)	485.50	516.50	+ 2.70	2.75
Growth	149.30	157.10	+ 0.70	2.80
Income	228.30	242.80	+ 1.10	3.69
Intl Equity	240.60	255.90	- 0.10	1.18
(Accum Units)	265.90	282.80	- 0.20	1.18
UK Income	62.70	66.69	+ 0.30	3.50
UK Intl 25	76.17	81.02	+ 0.29	2.38
New Europe	77.02	81.93	+ 0.27	0.59
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
0491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	563.15	602.31	+ 0.56	0.25
(Accum Units)	563.74	602.94	+ 0.57	0.25
Income	336.84	360.26	+ 2.12	3.44
Wwide Recovery	356.20	380.97	- 0.08	0.18
Amer Growth Inc	213.87	228.53	- 1.06	0.01
(Accum Units)	213.87	228.53	- 1.06	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	230.57	246.60	+ 1.46	0.01
Far Estn Gwth Inc	260.35	278.45	+ 0.16	0.21
(Accum Units)	260.35	278.45	+ 0.16	0.21
Euro Gwth Inc	137.41	146.97	+ 0.79	0.83
(Accum Units)	137.76	147.34	+ 0.79	0.83
UK Growth Inc	88.50	92.52	+ 0.51	2.90
(Accum Units)	88.60	94.77	+ 0.62	2.90
High Income	91.17	97.62	+ 0.53	4.26
Jap Gwth Inc	210.54	224.36	- 2.30	0.01
(Accum Units)	210.54	224.36	- 2.38	0.01
PEP Growth	112.69	120.50	+ 0.26	0.75
Asian Str Mkts Inc	118.94	127.21	+ 2.41	0.01
(Accum Units)	118.94	127.21	+ 2.41	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	124.10	132.73	- 0.25	0.01
(Accum Units)	124.10	132.73	- 0.25	0.01
Global Bond	54.20	57.11	- 0.02	6.03
UK Smaller Cos Inc	76.42	81.74	- 1.23	1.52
(Accum Units)	79.38	84.92	- 1.27	1.52
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
081 201 3927				
American	96.43	102.58	+ 0.26	...
European	69.20	73.62	- 0.11	..
Global	59.97	63.80	- 0.09	..
Pacific	56.17	59.75	- 0.21	..
UK Inc & Gth	61.72	65.66	- 0.10	1.94
PORTON YORK UT MGRS				
0532 550 545				
BRI Director Dlgs	86.24	91.85	- 3.54	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	151.39	159.96	+ 2.43	0.11
Emerg Mkts	45.27	47.65	+ 0.86	...
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.80	61.26	+ 0.44	2.52
Growth Income	61.05	64.71	+ 0.17	2.39
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	124.42	132.37	+ 1.05	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	89.12	94.81	+ 0.45	3.80
Conv & Gilt	111.90	119.00	+ 0.20	6.16
European Income	71.70	76.28	+ 0.15	3.96
Extra Income	142.70	151.80	+ 0.50	3.90
(Accum Units)	173.10	184.10	+ 0.50	3.90
Far East	376.60	399.60	- 0.80	0.08
(Accum Units)	382.70	407.20	- 0.90	0.08
Global Income	24.34	25.89	+ 0.10	4.60
High Income	108.00	114.90	- 1.00	3.65
(Accum Units)	128.20	136.40	- 1.10	3.65
International	192.60	204.90	- 0.80	0.68
(Accum Units)	198.50	211.20	- 0.80	0.68
Pref & Fxd Int	42.98	45.74	- 0.04	7.92
Recovery	67.77	72.10	- 1.02	2.84
Special Sits	101.30	107.80		1.16
(Accum Units)	109.70	116.70	+ 0.10	1.16
Technology	373.80	397.70	+ 1.30	..
UK Blue Chip	65.74	69.93	+ 0.54	2.68
(Accum Units)	72.91	77.57	+ 0.60	2.68
For Providence Capital see Old Mutual				
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 588 3563				
Equity Gth	166.00	176.60		1.88
European Gth	95.96	101.70	- 0.20	0.39
Income & Gth #	127.10	135.20	- 0.10	3.29
Japan Gth	114.10	121.30		
Nth Amer Gth	116.20	123.60	+ 0.60	0.17
Overseas Gth	86.51	92.03	+ 0.27	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490				
Managed Tst	35.32	36.60	+ 0.11	1.60
Cash Haven Inc	100.82	101.31		5.19
Cash Haven Acc	111.34	111.89	+ 0.01	5.19
Dist Trust Inc	93.49	96.89	+ 0.56	6.18
Dist Trust Acc	96.69	100.19	- 0.58	6.18
Global Growth	85.40	90.65	+ 0.44	1.35
Equity Inc	77.41	82.35	+ 0.72	3.63
Equity	692.62	737.04	+ 7.53	2.40
European	207.57	215.09	+ 1.32	1.11
High Income	86.31	91.81	+ 0.62	4.95
Intl Gth	175.14	186.31	+ 0.44	0.96
Intl Sm Co	73.83	78.54	+ 0.09	0.48
Japanese	205.74	213.20	- 1.80	..
Nth Amer	165.84	171.85	- 0.04	1.79
Pacific Mkts	97.58	101.11	+ 0.17	0.36
Premier Inc	46.47	48.37	- 0.06	4.92
Sm Cos	82.67	87.94	+ 0.07	1.55
Spec Sits	103.56	110.16	+ 0.96	2.22
UK Growth	115.85	123.24	+ 1.22	2.36
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0892 510 033				
British Life	286.50	303.80	+ 2.10	3.31
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
091 285 2555				
Managed	91.51	97.09	.	2.30
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	509.15	542.18	- 0.79	0.33
FA America (Acc)	595.25	633.86	- 0.93	0.33
FA UK Equity Inc	149.62	159.48	+ 1.14	3.63
FA Japan	241.20	256.47	- 3.36	..
FA Major UK Cos	90.97	96.95	+ 0.77	2.36
FA Smlr UK Cos	277.96	302.81	+ 0.27	1.35
FA European	304.87	323.41	- 0.03	0.53
FA Amer Smllr Cos	43.86	46.85	- 0.08	
FA Asia	46.53	49.90	+ 0.09	.
FA Jap Smllr Cos	45.75	48.99	- 0.38	..
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	92.46	97.32	+ 0.77	.
UK Smllr Cos	80.05	84.26	+ 0.08	.
UK Income	90.71	95.48	+ 0.68	.
America	102.35	107.73	- 0.16	.
Japanese	53.02	55.80	- 0.74	..
European	97.72	102.86	- 0.01	
Gilt	86.14	90.67	- 0.10	
Deposit	83.39	87.78	+ 0.02	
Managed	94.35	99.31	- 0.20	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.04	94.77	+ 0.75	
UK Smaller Cos	78.20	82.31	+ 0.08	...
UK Income	88.51	93.16	+ 0.68	
America	99.62	104.86	- 0.15	
Japanese	51.61	54.32	- 0.70	
European	95.21	100.21	- 0.01	
Gilt	85.22	89.70	- 0.10	.
Deposit	79.44	83.62	+ 0.01	..
Managed	88.47	93.12	+ 0.45	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 0733 282 826 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000				
United States	77.83	83.12	- 0.29	0.22
Pacific Basin	73.36	79.01	- 0.40	
High Inc Dist	129.00	137.90	+ 0.80	5.15
Ryl Life Intl Cttry	57.70	61.32	+ 0.05	4.28
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	64.45	68.80	- 0.17	0.029
Ryl Life Intl Spec	61.48	65.40	+ 0.04	.
UK Emerging Cos	119.30	128.90	+ 0.10	1.19
UK Index Trckg	155.70	165.90	+ 2.60	3.45
European	125.68	134.50	+ 0.10	0.28
Managed	140.40	150.80	+ 0.10	0.79
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0206 784 400				
American Growth	143.50	151.70		0.52
European Growth	107.80	113.90		0.96
Far East Growth	125.40	133.50	...	0.49
Japan Growth	128.50	136.80		
Special Sits	181.10	192.60		1.65
UK Growth	72.08	76.69		2.65
Triton General	228.00	242.80		0.88
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
041 307 6600				
Far East Inc	154.80	163.90	+ 0.90	0.59
Gr Euro Prog Inc	334.80	353.40	+ 2.50	0.59
(Accum Units)	519.30	549.50	+ 4.00	0.59
Growth Inc	130.10	137.70	+ 0.20	0.58
(Accum Units)	132.60	140.30	+ 0.20	0.58
International Inc	333.90	353.30	+ 0.60	0.46
(Accum Units)	457.90	484.60	+ 0.90	0.46
Nth Am & Intl Inc	313.40	331.60	- 1.80	1.15
UK Gen Prog Inc	218.40	229.00	+ 0.90	1.29
UK High Inc Inc	125.20	132.50	+ 1.10	3.85
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
071 330 0572				
American Gwth	61.30	65.21	- 0.14	
Amer Smlr Cos	73.03	77.68	- 0.14	0.75
Asian Gwth	108.46	115.37	+ 1.14	0.75
European Gwth	66.20	70.42	+ 0.03	1.80
Global Bd	59.07	62.43	- 0.06	5.00
Global Eq	58.02	61.71	- 0.21	0.50
Japanese Eq	49.56	52.71	- 0.31	
Japan Sm Cos	57.36	61.02	- 0.54	..
UK Gen	50.98	54.23	+ 0.36	2.80
UK Gwth	57.21	60.86	+ 0.34	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	67.90	72.23	+ 0.30	4.15
Amer Smlr Cos	108.10	115.00		
Asian Smaller Cos	42.25	44.95	+ 0.11	
Capital Portfolio	122.00	129.80	+ 0.10	1.98
Cash	126.00	126.00		5.69
China Dragon	55.34	58.87	+ 0.83	0.83
Commodity	117.00	124.50	- 0.70	0.40
Eastern Discovery	93.00	98.94	+ 0.23	..
Emerging Mkts	37.05	39.41	+ 0.09	0.40
Energy Inds	115.70	123.10	+ 1.20	0.79
European Gwth	182.80	194.50	+ 0.10	
Euro Inc & Gwth #	75.18	79.98	+ 0.02	1.24
Euro Smllr Cos	51.33	54.61	+ 0.14	
Extra Income #	48.71	51.33	..	6.15
Financial Secs	192.90	205.20	+ 0.50	1.70
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	48.09	50.76	- 0.10	8.93
Gold & Exploration	72.23	76.84	+ 0.80	..
High Return #	214.50	228.20	+ 0.20	4.46
High Yield #	217.50	231.40	+ 0.20	4.05
Income #	112.60	119.80	+ 0.10	4.89
Intl Bond	161.50	170.80	+ 0.20	5.74
ITU	195.60	208.10	- 0.30	1.62
Japan Growth	166.80	177.40	- 0.60	..
Japan Smaller	172.10	183.10	- 1.60	...
Korea	64.58	68.70	+ 0.47	..
Masterfund	52.67	56.03		1.29
Scotbits	289.60	308.10	+ 0.90	1.47
Scotshares #	275.80	293.40		2.55
Scotyields #	228.90	243.50	+ 0.10	3.88
Select Intl	134.30	142.90	- 0.20	0.36
Smaller Cos Inc #	232.90	247.80	- 0.30	3.87
SE Asia	52.34	55.68	+ 0.53	..
Special Situation	119.10	126.70		1.03
UK Equity #	231.00	245.70	- 0.20	3.85
UK Growth	61.46	65.18	+ 0.05	1.52
UK & O'seas	156.20	166.20		1.30
UK Smlr Cos Emrb	44.14	46.96	- 0.06	0.96
US Growth	146.70	156.10	+ 0.20	0.45
Univ Growth	134.50	142.80	- 0.20	0.73
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cint: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	249.31	265.12	- 1.06	0.98
(Accum Units)	272.30	289.58	- 1.15	0.98
European Gwth	73.29	77.39	+ 0.61	0.83
Euro Smlr Cos	76.21	81.15	+ 0.25	0.30
Far Eastern Gth	91.73	97.84	+ 0.73	..
(Accum Units)	93.39	99.61	+ 0.75	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.56	53.30	+ 0.09	7.16
Global Bond #	48.61	50.23	- 0.04	6.95
(Accum Units) #	53.41	55.20	- 0.04	6.95
Global Emer Mkts	50.30	53.65	- 0.29	..
(Accum Units)	50.38	53.65	- 0.29	..
Income	338.06	360.59	+ 3.40	4.17
(Accum Units)	£10.53	£11.23	+ 10.57	4.17
Japan Smlr Cos	458.66	489.33	- 2.57	..
(Accum Units)	459.58	490.21	- 2.57	..
Japan Enterprise	64.10	68.37	- 0.72	..
Pacific Gwth	124.13	132.40	+ 1.13	..
(Accum Units)	128.14	136.67	+ 1.16	..
Portfolio	77.05	82.18	+ 0.34	2.04
(Accum Units)	83.70	89.27	+ 0.37	2.04
Seoul	48.23	51.92	+ 0.29	
(Accum Units)	48.23	51.92	+ 0.29	
Smaller Cos	202.61	216.11	+ 0.32	1.42
Tokyo	116.17	123.91	- 1.56	..
(Accum Units)	117.34	125.17	- 1.56	...
UK Enterprise	239.71	255.69	+ 2.80	2.13
(Accum Units)	287.57	306.73	+ 3.35	2.13
UK Equity	229.58	244.88	+ 2.09	2.85
(Accum Units)	446.10	475.85	+ 4.07	2.85
US Smllr Cos	158.77	169.35	+ 0.62	..
(Accum Units)	45.27	48.20	+ 0.14	0.85
Institutional Funds				
European	231.53	240.43	+ 1.01	1.16
(Accum Units)	257.27	267.17	+ 1.13	1.16
Euro Small Cos	28.05	29.21	+ 0.08	1.49
(Accum Units)	29.75	30.99	+ 0.06	1.49
Global Equity Inc	74.68	77.79	- 0.27	0.94
Japan Smlr Cos	36.90	38.43	- 0.11	..
(Accum Units)	37.18	38.73	- 0.11	..
Mngd Balanced	180.66	188.16	+ 0.88	2.74
(Accum Units)	203.82	212.30	+ 0.99	2.74
Overseas Equity	181.11	188.65	- 0.28	1.21
(Accum Units)	187.52	195.33	- 0.29	1.21
Oseas Smlr Cos	120.72	125.74	+ 0.22	0.72
(Accum Units)	125.90	131.14	+ 0.23	0.72
Pacific	234.50	244.27	- 0.02	1.17
(Accum Units)	255.99	266.54	- 0.03	1.17
Recovery	£17.27	£17.99	+ 10.38	3.04
(Accum Units)	£18.26	£19.02	+ 10.97	3.04
UK Index	147.66	153.81	+ 0.90	3.48
(Accum Units)	180.14	187.64	+ 1.10	3.48
UK Small Cos	108.02	112.52	+ 0.21	2.83
(Accum Units)	114.48	119.25	+ 0.22	2.83
US Smlr Cos	45.48	47.35	+ 0.13	0.65
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
041 204 2208				
Equity Income	47.80	50.81	- 0.02	3.72
Equity Trust	58.23	62.81	+ 0.03	3.19
Equity Strategy	67.61	72.80	+ 0.08	1.30
European Opps	84.48	89.97		0.92
UK Smaller Cos	59.72	63.60	+ 0.05	1.35
Mastertrust Inc	97.87	104.40	+ 0.01	6.71
Japanese	73.08	77.81	- 0.84	..
Asia Pacific	114.76	122.22	+ 0.85	1.26
American	98.35	104.74	- 0.09	0.72
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	30.92	30.92	..	5.333
UK General Inc	49.44	52.74	+ 0.27	2.84
(Accum Units)	63.49	67.72	+ 0.35	2.84
Intl Income	257.60	273.80	- 0.60	1.01
(Accum Units)	442.80	470.10	- 1.00	1.01
European	77.66	82.20	+ 0.12	1.47
Japan	85.52	89.45	- 0.40	0.05
American	66.07	69.95	- 0.04	1.92
Far East	81.45	86.88	+ 0.25	0.78
Ethical Inc	28.25	30.22	+ 0.09	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.99	34.22	+ 0.27	2.96
High Inc Inc	34.34	36.53	+ 0.24	3.44
UK Global Inc	38.18	40.69	- 0.14	1.57
Wwide Tact	67.96	72.37	- 0.25	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	51.46	54.60	- 0.01	1.51
Technology	103.37	110.73	- 0.13	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
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UK Equity	368.20	392.10	+ 4.80	2.73
American	255.40	271.20	- 0.33	
Pacific	361.50	385.60	- 1.20	
European	536.20	573.50	+ 2.80	1.27
Worldwide	84.69	90.56	+ 0.14	0.56
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	257.70	274.20	+ 3.80	2.49
(Accum Units)	325.30	346.10	+ 3.80	2.49
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	187.40	199.40	- 0.60	2.27
(Accum Units)	224.60	239.00	- 0.60	2.27
Select Oppty Inc	63.40	67.81	+ 0.51	1.97
Income Plus Inc	68.35	72.72	+ 0.92	4.27
European Inc	330.80	358.10	+ 2.00	0.48
(Accum Units)	380.30	404.60	+ 2.00	0.48
Far Eastern Inc	165.90	176.50	+ 1.50	0.79
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Japanese Inc	58.23	61.95	- 0.69	
Nth American Inc	238.80	253.20	- 0.20	0.60
(Accum Units)	262.00	278.80	- 0.26	0.60
Intl Growth Inc	193.30	205.70	- 0.19	0.62
Wwide Venture Inc	76.06	80.92	+ 0.04	0.78
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
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(Accum Units)	507.60	541.40	+ 0.20	2.88
UK High Inc	174.70	186.30	+ 0.40	3.84
(Accum Units)	252.20	269.00	+ 0.70	3.84
Europe Inc	353.80	377.30		0.78
Nth Amer Inc	214.80	228.10	+ 0.70	..
Global Inc	194.70	207.60	- 0.20	0.28
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South East Asia	211.30	225.30	+ 1.20	..
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Nth American	103.30	109.70	- 0.30	0.59
Intl Bond & Conv	119.70	126.90	+ 0.50	4.82
Pooled Pension (F)	176.20	189.50		2.28
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UK General	123.00	130.50	+ 0.70	2.12
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Aztec‡	73.21	..	- 2.92	
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Samurai‡	67.84		- 1.16	
UK Growth‡	98.32	..	+ 0.62	2.78
Tal Pan‡	99.61		+ 0.72	
UK Emerg Leaders‡	97.55		+ 0.29	1.45
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European	130.40	138.08	+ 0.50	0.24
Far Eastern	147.30	155.60	- 0.70	
Growth	127.60	135.00		1.01
Income	123.00	130.20		5.92
Magnum	126.10	134.90	- 0.40	1.56
Smllr Secs	359.10	379.90	- 0.30	1.86
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Intl Growth	96.09	102.50	+ 0.26	3.08
Managed	60.13	65.47	- 0.42	3.88
UK Growth	58.82	62.74	+ 0.53	3.58
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Global Advtg Inc	36.73	38.94	..	1.84
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UK Equity Gth Acc	61.76	65.47		1.59
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Managed Acc	48.77	51.82		1.69
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	34.71	36.88	+ 0.10	4.08
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UK Equity Gen Acc	59.69	63.43		2.33
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Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.15	31.89		6.79
Ocean Lrg Co Acc	302.00	322.78	- 0.26	1.70
Nth American Inc	44.48	47.26	+ 0.30	0.88
Far East Acc	65.08	69.15	- 0.40	0.23
European Acc	51.34	54.55	+ 0.10	0.96
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071 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	3.634	3.859	..	0.56
US Eqts (US$)	2.403	2.551	..	0.70
Far East Eqts (yen)	228.40	242.60	..	
Japan Eqties (yen)	214.90	228.30	..	
FT Europe	123.00	130.60	..	1.65
FT N Amer (US$)	1.826	1.937	..	0.95
FT Japan (yen)	212.10	225.50	..	
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.292	2.435	..	1.05
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
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American	368.00	391.90	+ 0.23	..
British #	963.60	£10.19	+ 5.90	4.23
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European	509.00	543.30	- 0.10	0.40
Japan	139.50	148.20	- 1.70	
New Pacific	366.20	391.50	+ 1.20	0.75
(Accum Units)	386.00	412.60	+ 1.30	0.75
Inv Trust Acc	245.10	259.80	- 0.60	0.94
Mngd Equity	165.78	175.28	+ 0.50	1.45
Mngd Cash	95.76	95.76	+ 0.01	5.49
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	786.40	841.10	+ 7.30	2.99
North America	122.80	131.30	+ 0.10	1.00
Far East	137.10	146.60	+ 0.30	0.29
Wwide Bond	56.07	59.52	- 0.08	5.40
European	101.50	109.70	- 0.20	..
Equity Income	88.33	92.93	+ 0.94	4.12
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UK Income Inc	48.73	52.12	+ 0.55	3.15
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.09	34.32	+ 0.20	3.65
Mngd High Yld Inc	76.79	82.13	+ 0.58	4.19
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	72.07	77.08	- 0.08	3.34
UK Smaller Cos	32.37	34.62	+ 0.02	1.59
Pacific Gth Port	44.24	47.32	+ 0.24	0.38
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(Accum Units)	225.02	238.12	+ 0.01	..
Brit Growth	92.38	97.76	+ 0.86	2.20
(Accum Units)	111.17	117.64	+ 1.04	2.20
European	101.64	107.55	- 0.42	0.61
(Accum Units)	108.08	114.37	- 0.44	0.61
Extra Income	186.17	197.08	+ 1.49	4.41
(Accum Units)	315.90	334.20	+ 2.39	4.41
Smaller Cos	67.42	71.34	+ 0.05	1.70
(Accum Units)	75.62	80.02	+ 0.05	1.78
General	268.39	284.01	+ 2.69	2.50
(Accum Units)	555.60	587.94	+ 5.58	2.50
Premier Income	47.82	49.81	+ 0.07	6.45
(Accum Units)	109.25	113.81	+ 0.18	6.45
Income	317.18	335.84	+ 1.78	4.88
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Pacific	389.30	411.96	- 0.72	...
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Selector	59.50	62.96	+ 0.31	2.39
(Accum Units)	67.11	71.01	+ 0.35	2.39
High Income	61.86	65.46	+ 0.11	4.79
(Accum Units)	78.80	83.39	+ 0.58	4.79
Intl Income	57.20	60.53	+ 0.04	3.02
(Accum Units)	70.33	74.42	+ 0.05	3.02
Selector Income	58.92	62.35	+ 0.29	4.92
(Accum Units)	69.20	73.22	+ 0.33	4.92
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British	314.40	330.90	+ 2.90	2.82
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Glob Balncd Inc	186.48	199.18	+ 0.49	3.18
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Dresdner Eur Bd	40.41	42.44	+ 0.05	6.18
European Growth	268.93	283.18	+ 1.79	0.80
Exempt	509.30	531.50	+ 4.10	3.60
Global Em Mkts	84.84	90.28	- 0.35	0.80
Japan Tst	74.49	79.17	- 0.98	..
Little Dragons	84.75	90.49	+ 0.23	..
Nth Amer Gwth	229.49	244.34	..	0.69
Oriental Income	43.42	46.21	- 0.09	1.50
Preference	125.58	134.38	+ 0.25	8.70
Tiger	265.50	283.28		
(Accum Units)	279.60	297.80	+ 0.62	..
UK Blue Chip	60.07	64.80	+ 0.58	3.18
UK Growth	499.28	522.13	+ 5.41	2.30
UK High Yield	98.76	105.62	+ 1.04	3.88
(Accum Units)	320.47	342.74	+ 3.38	3.88
UK Mid-Cap	240.04	256.72	+ 1.56	2.19
UK Smll Cos	96.80	103.52	+ 0.21	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	85.51	91.45	+ 0.81	5.30
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
0277 690 338				
UK Equity Income	95.38	101.47	+ 0.65	3.17
UK Equity Growth	84.51	89.90	+ 0.53	2.44
European	68.38	72.72	+ 0.43	0.89
Nth American	67.91	72.24	- 0.19	1.09
Far Eastern	67.60	71.91	- 0.83	0.79
Money	67.15	67.15	..	4.02
Fixed Interest	71.00	75.53	+ 0.05	8.50
Index Linked Gilt	64.83	68.97	..	1.39
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	24.63	26.20	..	..
Pacific Basin	42.68	45.40	..	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.85	0.88	..	..
Penny Share	32.66	34.74	...	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 600 0482				
Challenger	93.50	96.08	- 0.18	
Short Dtd Gilt	110.76	112.20	- 0.10	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	+ 0.00	6.44
Gilt Income	49.26	51.38	- 0.03	7.75
Gilt Growth	69.74	72.59	- 0.17	..
City Reserve	52.04	52.04	..	5.82
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
081 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	47.37	49.97	- 0.11	1.28
UK Stockmarket	75.08	79.86	+ 0.04	2.84

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge.

Shares fail to hold high ground

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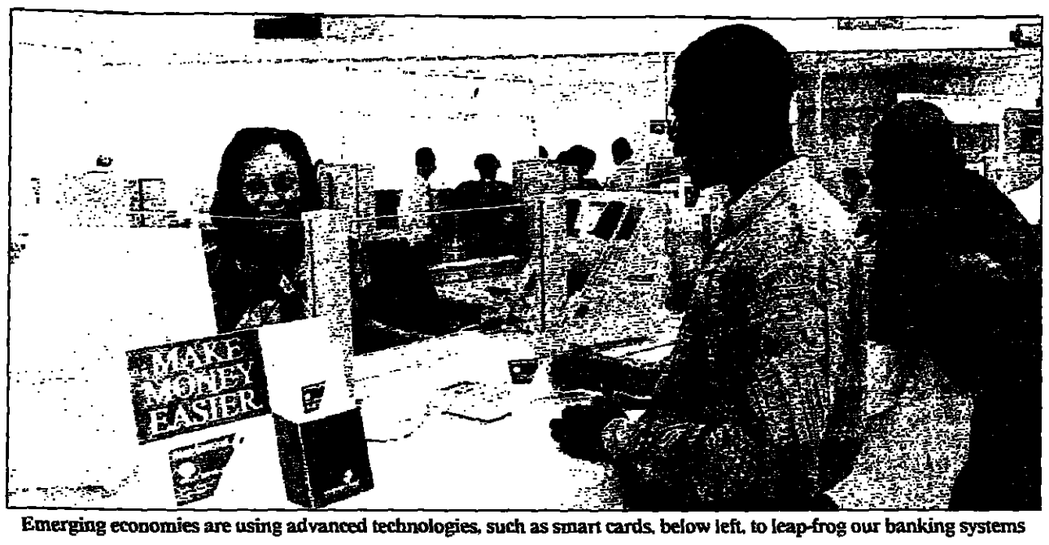
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INFOTECH

Out of the backwoods

Bankers in the West are being left behind in the technology rush, reports Paul Penrose



Emerging economies are using advanced technologies, such as smart cards, below left, to leap-frog our banking systems

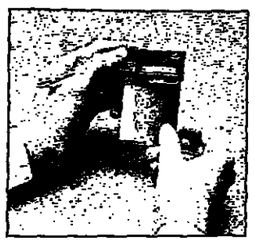
In rural KwaZulu, Natal, pensioners line up outside a security vehicle equipped with a cash machine to pick up their pensions. The machine takes the thumbprint of each claimant, matches it against information stored on the bank card, verifies the identity of the cardholder, then dispenses the pension.

In a Moscow subway station, a customer of the Polis Insurance Company inserts a plastic card embedded with a microchip into a service till and loads the card with the electronic equivalent of roubles. To protect against inflation, the roubles are stored on the card as Deutschmarks. Whenever a transaction or withdrawal is made, the stronger Deutschmark — less susceptible to the ravages of Russian inflation — is converted back to roubles.

These are just two examples of how governments and businesses in emerging economies are using advanced technology to leap-frog their Western counterparts. Unburdened by any great investment in an existing technological infrastructure, less developed nations around the world are showing their Western competitors a clean pair of heels.

The trend is particularly striking in the banking sector, where the arrival of new technology, such as smart cards, is allowing Third World banks to bypass the traditional progression from savings account to cheque book, to credit cards and cash cards.

The experience of South African banks is a case in point. The end of apartheid, and the opening up of a new



mass market, posed a big challenge. Only one in three South Africans has a bank account and only 10 per cent of those have a credit card. The rest use cash.

The problems for banks is to entice the majority population into the banking system without incurring the substantial costs of building new branches and sophisticated telecommunications networks to handle transactions online.

The solution lies with the smart card. In December, four of the largest financial institutions in South Africa launched a full-scale pilot of an "electronic purse" scheme in which plastic cards implanted with a microchip are loaded with the electronic equivalent of cash, and used to pay for goods.

The First National Bank, in conjunction with the IT group Datakor, is behind the biometric pension system mentioned earlier. FNB's rival, Standard Bank, is working on a similar project to locate biometric cash machines in the offices of large employers. The machines would verify the fingerprints of the worker and download his or her salary into an electronic purse, eliminating the weekly wage packet.

South Africa's banks are not alone in their enthusiasm for modern technology. Meridien BIAO, a pan-African banking organisation, has introduced a smart-card-based electronic purse for its 40,000 retail account holders. Dubbed Meridien Card, it was introduced in Lusaka, Zambia, in September, and is being distributed to customers in Tanzania and Ghana.

Cardholders use a four-digit personal identity number to load the card with electronic currency at automatic card terminals in Meridien branches. Similar terminals at retail outlets are then used to transfer cash from the card in return for purchases.

The confluence of circumstances that have forced the pace of ultra-modern initiatives such as the electronic purse — a geographically dispersed population, ramshackle telecommunications infrastructure and a hard cash culture — is not unique to Africa. Inflationary economies in the former Soviet bloc and untapped markets such as China are tipped by industry experts as the next beneficiaries of the plastic banking revolution.

The British bankers behind the Mondex electronic purse have identified such underdeveloped regions of the world as prime targets for their worldwide marketing. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation recently acquired the rights to franchise Mondex in Hong Kong, China, India, Indonesia, Macao, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Thailand.

Mondex is unique among electronic cash schemes in that it allows the transfer of money from cardholder to cardholder. The portable chip cards can be loaded up with cash value using specially designed telephone handsets.

Mondex says that in China, where security vans transporting cash across the continent are regularly prey to armed bandits, the central bank is interested in the cards as a means of instantaneously transferring money to remote villages. Similarly in Russia, where criminals have taken to holding up banknote printing presses, Mondex has its attractions.

Ironically, few of these economic incentives hold much interest for Western Europe. They will be hard pushed to replace cash and existing plastic payment methods.

So, while peasants in remote countries experience the latest in information technology at first hand, British consumers will still be cursing at cash machines and fumbling for chequebooks well into the future.

Paedophiles are said to be using the Internet

New fears about the Net

One of the problems with the vast amount of information on the Internet is that hidden away among it all is pornography. The most immediate concern has been that there is no way to control the age of people accessing the sexually explicit messages and pictures available to those who know where to look.

Now a Swedish researcher is warning parents that paedophiles are increasingly using the network to exchange pictures and messages and that they can do it anonymously. There is also the fear that they could use the Internet to make contact with children by computer and try to lure them into a meeting.

Mats Wiklund, a researcher at Stockholm University, says that in one week he was recently able to access 5,651 messages or "postings" about child sex held in four so-called "newsgroups". Among the postings, he says, about 800 were pictures of adults and adolescents engaged in sexual acts. He adds that at least eight showed young children, possibly aged between eight and 10. "The younger ones are not being shown in indecent acts," he says, "but they are being used as bait."

There are thousands of newsgroups on the Internet, each offering a specialist area in which people can discuss common interests, ask or answer queries and "post" stories or pictures. Groups range from those discussing obscure computer-operating systems to electronic fan clubs for television series such as *Star Trek* and *The X-files*. There are also some sexually explicit newsgroups in which subjects range from strip clubs to fetishism. Most Internet subscribers can look at the information being displayed, regardless of whether they want to contribute.

> It would be impossible to supervise properly the content of the information

A few of the companies that provide users with their link to the Internet do not carry the more salacious newsgroups. Others do not list them in their directories, but they are available. The attitude is that people should not be able to stumble across them accidentally.

But it is these newsgroups that have been used by paedophiles, much to the annoyance of the majority of contributors. Even if they were removed, the chances are that the paedophiles would just put their messages and pictures somewhere else on the Internet.

Because the network makes available so much information and is held on thousands of different computers, any attempt to supervise the content comprehensively is impossible. The situation is made more difficult because the Internet works effortlessly across national boundaries — users may often be accessing information from several different countries without even realising it.

This can leave authorities in a legal grey zone where, for example, what is stored in one country legally is accessed by someone in a country where it is illegal.

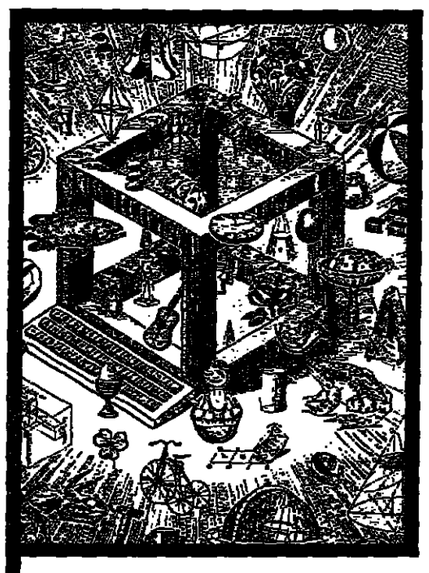
Mr Wiklund said he was able to trace the origins of the pictures he discovered only as far as a "server" computer in Finland, one of several set up privately to give Internet users anonymity. Like an electronic filter, the server receives the information but strips off its origin and relays it — anonymously — to its destination in a matter of seconds.

Mr Wiklund says: "The Internet has become a channel of communication for paedophiles. They've found a technology with which they can be anonymous yet still be reached."

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New software designed to verify signatures may help to curtail forgery, says **Matthew May**

Signing on, signing off

Are the days about to end when cashiers and sales assistants give you furtive looks as they try to decide whether your hastily scribbled signature on a cheque or credit card slip could possibly have been done by the same person who signed the accompanying credit or cheque card? Will cash machines start to ask you to sign your name rather than put in a PIN number?

Quite possibly, says AEA Technology, which has just developed new software for automatic signature verification. The system, it claims, is a highly effective weapon against credit card, benefit and other fraudulent crime. An added advantage is that it relieves staff of the task of judging the authenticity of people's signatures, which can be unpleasant when they get it wrong.

Getting a computer to recognise a quickly executed scrawl done by the same person who made a leisurely signature on a card perhaps a year ago might seem one of the more difficult of technological tricks to perform.

Signatures are not and cannot be expected to be identical each time they are written. But the system, called Countermatch, does not look at the signatures in the same way as a human. Instead, it uses a wired pen to collect information about the shape and timing of a signature — things that are fairly consistent even though one version of a signature may look very different from another.

This means that a potential forger would not only have to make the signature look the same but would need to reproduce the way in which it was written — a far more difficult task.

AEA — which evolved from the Atomic Energy Authority — says the result is a system that can detect a forged signature 19 times out of 20 and that is considerably more accurate than the human eye.

To work the system requires stored versions of a signature, usually three examples, that would have to be taken at an enrolment stage, for instance, when signing up for a credit card.

The precise details of how the software works are a commercial secret, says Andy Lewcock, business development manager for the company. He believes that among the organisations that can control the whole process of storing and checking signatures — such as retailers which run their own loyalty card schemes — will probably be among the first customers.

Countermatch was tested last year with the Employment Service in Liverpool and Tyneside to see whether it could verify claimants' identities. When clients signed on each fortnight they used the wired pen to sign a form which was clipped over a digitising tablet.

Four thousand people making 40,000 signatures were recorded. AEA says that 98 per cent were accepted as genuine, and that the system wrongly rejected only 0.1 per cent. There was also a deterrent effect, with a rise in the number of individuals who stopped claiming benefits after the equipment was introduced.



Countermatch uses a wired pen to collect information about the shape and timing of a signature

Mr Lewcock believes that computerised validation of signatures will have to become common practice as organisations move away from paper to electronic documents. Electronic business that can be conducted in seconds can still be held up at the last minute by the need for a signature on paper.

In the longer term, signing a computer tablet next to your PC at home, for example to authorise an online payment, might well be feasible, Mr Lewcock says. He predicts that the cost of the computer tablet needed will soon drop below £100.

ONLINE

Loosened ties

IBM, long a paragon of corporate culture, has never had a formal dress policy but its unwritten dress code was starched white shirts, dark suits and dull ties.

The 800 staff at IBM headquarters in Armonk, New York, have now been told that they can show up in whatever they think acceptable. Louis Gerstner, IBM chairman, also wants to replace the headquarters with a smaller building in the woods near by to provide a "campus-like" setting.

Big, small, smaller

JUST how big is the Internet? Smaller than many think, perhaps. According to a survey by Matrix Information and Directory Services, based in Austin, Texas, the number of fully connected users is only 7.9 million people.

Even if you add subscribers to those commercial online services that allow them to link into most Internet services, the figure rises only to 13.5 million.

The 20 or 30 million figure bandied about, Matrix says, applies only if you count everyone on the planet who can send electronic mail to each other — which it estimates at 27.9 million people.

Cutting chips costs

BARELY a month after Intel faced an uproar over a flaw in its Pentium computer chips, the company has cut prices on the chips by 7 to 40 per cent.

The Pentium is presently the fastest chip on the market for personal computers and the price cuts could help to build demand for the device, whose reputation has been badly battered.

Details of the company's next chip, the P6, which will run two to three times as fast as the Pentium, will be announced next week.

Intel has also sharply cut the prices for 486 chips. PC makers have recently been dropping prices on notebook computers using older Intel chips.

On the big screen

WHAT is billed as the world's biggest television monitor went into operation last week at Tokyo metropolitan police's traffic control centre. It is being used to show traffic conditions throughout the city. The £12 million device, produced by Hitachi, is 20ft high and 83ft wide and transmits images using a rear projection method. It consists of a central screen, 40ft wide, and two square side screens.

Germany calling

CABLE & Wireless is planning to offer fax services in Germany which it says could halve the cost of business faxes to America.

The faxes will be rerouted to London and handled by Mercury, the company's British handler. Deutsche Telekom has a monopoly on basic services until 1998.

Boarding party

A TEENAGER in New Jersey who is alleged to have used his pirate bulletin board to distribute hundreds of pirated software programs has agreed to pay Microsoft and Novell $25,000 (£15,800) and to surrender his computer equipment.

Pirate bulletin boards typically allow computer users to download illegally copied software either for a fee or by trading with software that the bulletin board does not already have. The youth is said to have distributed at least 60 Microsoft and Novell products.

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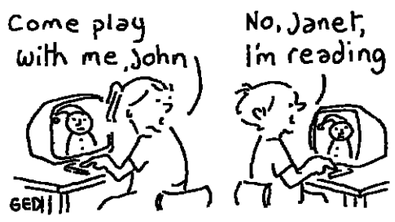
More than child's play

When parents want to buy a computer for children, what can they get?

Home computers generally fall into two groups: full-blown desktop machines or games consoles that link up to a television. But some companies are hoping that many parents will consider a third option — a home computer that does not look or work like a conventional desktop personal computer but offers a greater range of software titles than does a games console.

Supporters of these "pseudo-computers" say that they are easier to operate, can be used with any television set and offer a good mix of educational and entertainment titles. But others argue that parents would be better off buying a conventional computer, which enables their family to do much more.

At the end of March, Sega, the Japanese games giant, will launch a children's computer in Europe called Pico. It will be aimed at children aged between three and six.



Pico, which will cost about £150, looks like a small plastic briefcase that opens up to reveal a flip-up stand and tray. It has no built-in monitor, but links up to a home television set.

Though Pico looks like a toy, it contains the same powerful computer chip used in Sega's Mega Drive games console. Instead of using games cartridges, Pico plays £30 interactive books, which look like the thick cardboard storybooks designed for young children.

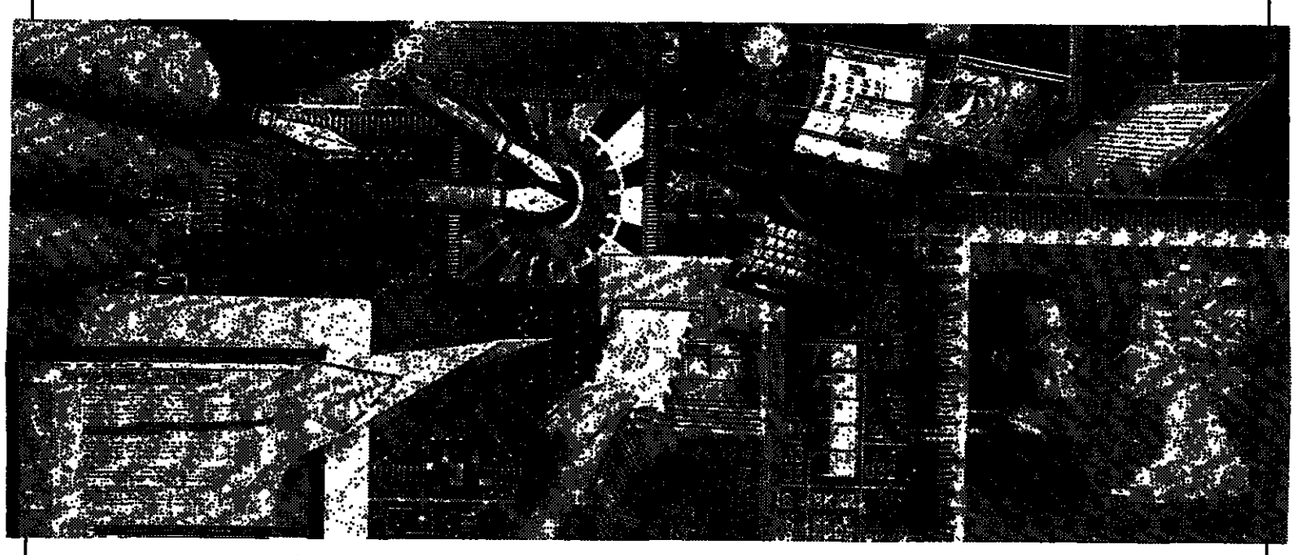
Each page contains brightly coloured pictures and text, which are also seen on the television screen. By touching parts of the page with an electronic pen, the child can make the objects appear to come to life on the TV set.

Apple Computer is also hoping to get into this market. It is developing Pippin, a CD-Rom system which plugs into a TV and is operated by a handset rather than keyboard. It will play a mixture of educational, reference and games CD-Rom titles, many of which could be adapted from existing programs for the Apple Macintosh. Pippin CD-Roms will also play on Apple Macintosh machines.

Bandai, the Japanese toy manufacturer, plans to launch a Pippin CD-Rom player, costing about £350, later this year. But even at these prices, some parents may prefer to save up for a multimedia PC, which plays CD-Roms. At more than £1,000, the machines are not cheap, but they are versatile.

John Davitt, an educational consultant, says that parents who buy console-type machines are at the mercy of the software publishers. "You cannot do much with a console, except play software," he says. "But if you buy a home computer, your children can use the word processor, graphics and other packages to create their own learning materials."

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Waiting for Windows

Recruitment for Windows 95 support experts has begun, says **David Hewson**

Microsoft's long-delayed new operating system, Windows 95, is not a popular subject in the boardrooms of personal computer companies. By the time it finally appears, probably by September, it will be more than a year behind schedule. The delay has cost almost everyone in the computer industry dearly.

Software applications designed to take advantage of Windows 95's many new features have been sidelined for months, impossible to sell, so putting on ice the profitable upgrade cycle that keeps many of today's applications companies in business.

Hardware manufacturers, meanwhile, can do nothing with the array of new peripherals and PCs designed to take advantage of the extra speed and ease of use that the operating system promises.

Yet for one group, Windows 95 is already proving an extraordinary success. It is starting to generate a burst in recruitment activity for the technical support specialists who will hold the hands of new users.

Tony Ettlinger, director of product support services for Microsoft in the UK, estimates that the launch of Windows 95 will create 200 jobs within his own company, and in the third-party technical support companies Microsoft will be using to handle the flood of inquiries it expects when the software goes public.

To that must be added the overload in requests for technical support forecast for elsewhere in the industry. The large PC manufacturers which will be including Windows 95 on their PCs have agreed to take over the job of technical support for both the operating system as well as for their own hardware. Application software companies, who frequently complain that many of the calls they receive originate from operating system issues, are likely to find themselves faced with a similar deluge of queries.

The salary for a technical support expert is between £16,000 and £40,000 a year, depending on experience and relevant skills. But the very newness of Windows 95 makes it difficult for any but the most select to be able boast that they have a detailed working knowledge.

The operating system is a ground-up rewrite of the way PC compatible computers work. While it may have a few surface similarities with the current version of Windows, underneath it is a completely new product.

To complicate matters further, Microsoft will be including with the system a raft of new, integrated applications, including electronic mail and online network software, a terminal program, networking links and a personal scheduler.

Planning for the increase in Windows 95 expertise in Mr Ettlinger's department has been going on for months. He has a small team working on a dedicated phone network to support the few hundred test users working with the trial version of the software.

This will increase substantially in April when Microsoft is planning to send about 40,000 copies of a new test version to selected users in Britain as part of an exercise to seed a total of 400,000 versions of the package around the world.

By launch time, Microsoft's internal technical support staff will have the capacity to handle 500 phone lines simultaneously, and a network of outside support companies will also be manning calls through a set of phone numbers that seamlessly distribute queries across a wide spread of geographical locations.

Both Microsoft and its agents have had to take a practical attitude to hiring new staff and training existing workers. Mr Ettlinger says: "We can't hire people who can claim Windows 95 skills at the moment because so few people have experience of it.

"But we do expect people to have a good technical background and sound customer-service skills. You can be the best engineer in the world but you are of little use to us if you aren't interested in helping customers."

One long-term benefit Microsoft hopes to reap from Windows 95 is a fall-off in the number of routine, simple calls it now receives. The new operating system is packed with help facilities that lead the user through tasks such as setting up a new printer.

The future of much of the technical support, Mr Ettlinger believes, will involve more difficult, individual problems to do with software sophistication rather than everyday calls from people who cannot get their mouse to work because it is plugged into the wrong socket.

But first, Microsoft must convince the world that Windows 95 is the way to go.



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Bernard Hill adds weight, force and danger to Arthur Miller's View from the Bridge

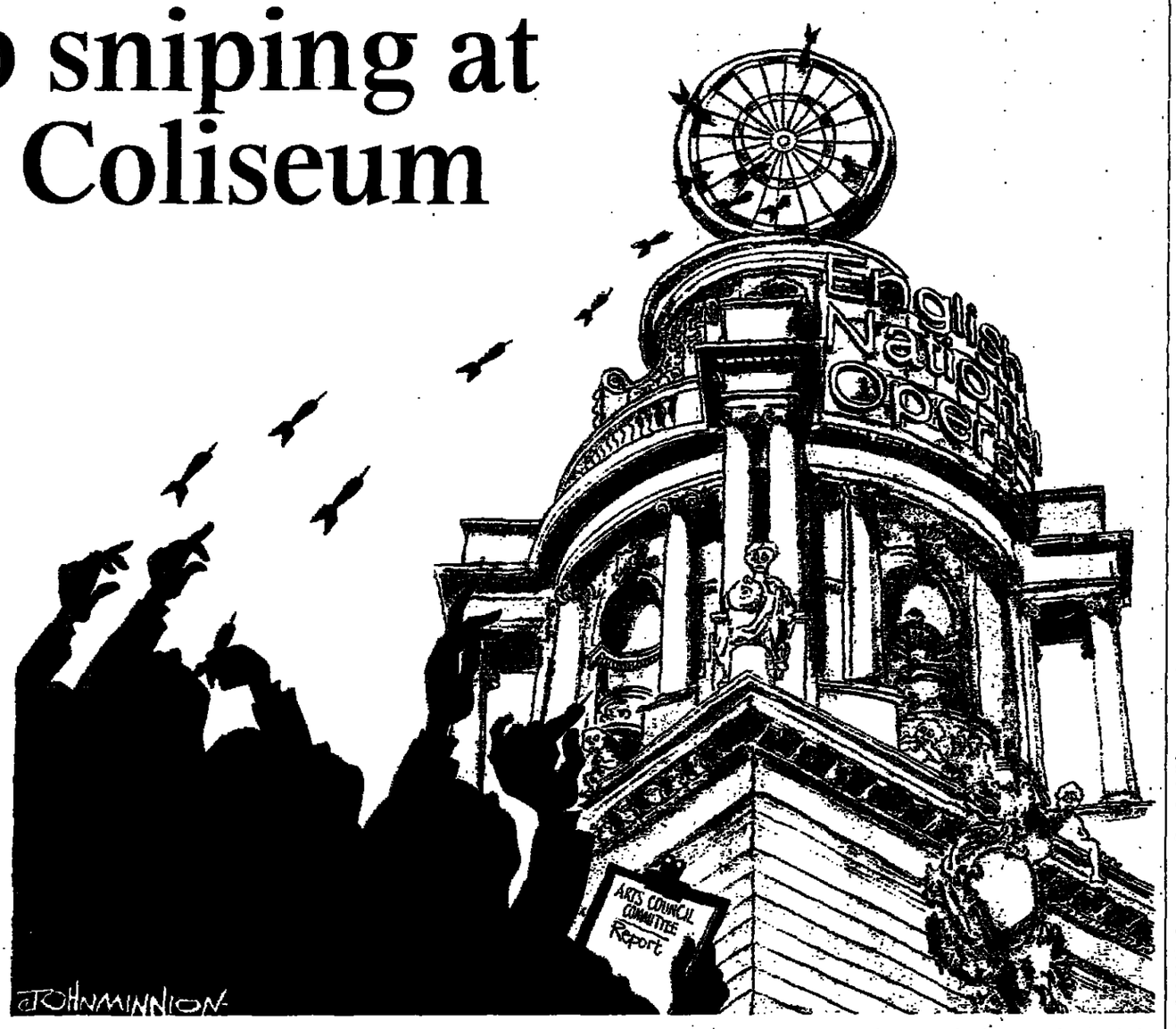
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David Sinclair talks to Morrissey, and reviews the opening concerts of his latest national tour



OPERA: **Melvyn Bragg** condemns an Arts Council report recommending the scaling-down of ENO

Stop sniping at the Coliseum



The youthful and sparky English National Opera, housed in the unlikely, decaying grandeur of the Coliseum, is one of the glories of London. It has brought opera in English to millions of enthusiasts and brought new audiences to opera in the process. It is the only full-time, year-round opera company with a staff of musicians, directors and coaches to train the talent of the future.

It has not done too badly in its recent past. Anne Evans and John Tomlinson — Brünnhilde and Wotan at Bayreuth — developed their early careers at ENO, as did Thomas Allen, Josephine Barstow and Dame Janet Baker. Down among the directors, Nicholas Hytner, Graham Vick and Steven Pimlott were all trained as staff producers at ENO and are now scattered in triumphs abroad. Jonathan Miller is a one-off, but his *Mikado*, *Rigoletto*, *Figaro* and *Rosenkavalier* at ENO were not only intelligent rethinkings but surely set him up for his distinguished career in Europe and America and most recently back in London at the Royal Opera.

There was Mark Elder in the pit; and Stefan Lazaridis and David Fielding with the designs. And there was (and is) an audience which ranges comfortably from dinner jackets to bomber jackets and is proud that, of all the major opera companies in the world, ENO has recently been the most adventurous and the boldest, while never being afraid to deliver the golden oldies that we all think we know and want to love.

Add to this its small-stage work, its encouragement of domestic writers and composers, its strenuous independence and its rocket-burst in audiences over the past few months, and we are undoubtedly looking at a winner. Even a model. A tribute to shrewd management, philanthropy and a notion of accessibility: in prices, in attitude and in its challenge to a younger London audience which responds to challenge at present more than to anything else.

So do we cherish it? Do we love it and honour it? Of course not. We send in a hurried little committee scratched up by the Arts Council of England, and none too subtly set out to scuttle it. This has become a serious British disease: in board rooms and quangos, in sport and government and in the arts: give the control to committees touchingly free of direct professional experience of that over which they exercise power, and then wonder why things don't work out.

This committee, advising on the future of opera and dance in London, and sent in by Lord Gowrie to do a "geological survey" (of a kind which would surely puzzle any self-respecting geologist) spent less than four hours talking with the directors and senior management at ENO. A television researcher on an arts programme would spend five times as long as that doing a "geological survey" of a single production. But less than four hours was quite enough for our non-operatic committee of four, led by Dennis Stevenson — a man of many hats, recently called *Mr Fixit*.

Well, he appears to be fixing it so that ENO is unnerved, undervalued and diminished. One of the tricks this report uses is to compare and contrast. It is a weary old cliché. You use BBC1 to bash ITV and vice versa; the commercial theatre to bash the subsidised theatre and vice versa. Here the Royal Opera House (which is to be congratulated for being promised everything it could ever have wished for in the report) is used to discredit ENO. I am sure that Jeremy Isaacs is not amused. It is obvious to anybody but this committee that they do different tasks. But they are, on any fair count, equally successful. Each has its own considerable strengths. But the pumping-up of the ROH gives the rather uneasy prose of the ENO put-down more apparent credibility.

> "We send in a little committee, and set out to scuttle ENO"

It needs all the credibility it can muster, because its statistics and factual assertions let it down as badly as I have ever seen in a public document about arts policy. To give just a few examples from many. The report criticises the ENO audience on the basis of surveys in 1991 and 1993 and takes no account at all of the six per cent rise in ENO audiences in 1993-94 and the 24 per cent rise this season. The report observes that capacity for grand opera in London outstrips demand. With ENO playing to 77 per cent capacity and the ROH playing to 88 per cent, how can this be possible? Surely some elementary mathematical mistake here. And, incidentally, such figures would prompt any West End producer to leaps of joy unconfined.

The report states that the aggregate audience for the ROH, ENO and Sadler's Wells in 1993-94 was 4,150; surely it is much more relevant that in 1994-95 the ROH and ENO alone exceeded 5,000. Shall I go on? The report gets the number of ENO performances wrong; it ignores the fact that more people go to opera at the Coliseum than at the ROH. It ignores ENO's proposals about dance; it ignores the urgent repairs required for the Coliseum which would cost only 23 per cent of the ROH repair scheme, and still keep the average ticket price at £25 compared with the ROH's £68.

It would be unfair (although it is tempting) to blame the report on four people in a hurry. It would be unjust to say that Lord Gowrie has asked for too much too soon and given his committee too few resources. It would be dangerous to suggest that there is an unexpressed and rather complacent agenda, and that the good old Royal Opera House and the game old Sadler's Wells are somehow enough, and that we are on a high plateau and so we can cut down the feisty creative bunch in the fighting Coliseum.

But such thoughts do cross the mind in moments of dismay that such a half-cocked report can be published with such confidence. And to such immediately damaging effect. For example, by recommending the postponement of urgent development, this document has (ENO reckons) already resulted in "the postponement of £1.75 million worth of pledges".

I hope that sense prevails and that this consultative document is heavily and thoroughly redrafted or thrown out as soon as possible. For what it reveals above all is the poverty of imagination afflicting the overseeing of arts policy in this country. This is a document of ditherers. It heads for the past whenever it can. If it sees a hole it sticks its ostrich head into it.

It refuses to take on board the challenge of creating a dance theatre for London, for instance. It takes cover in statistics which (ineptly as it turns out) seem to prove "that audiences for opera are declining". It has no grasp of the opportunity available.

In this country we have more than 500,000 people working in an expanding industry across the arts. This industry is already a world leader. It has been built on confidence and boldness, with London as a particular jewel. It deserves much better than to be subjected to such a limiting appraisal, and ENO deserves all the support Lord Gowrie can give it to make up for the damage already inflicted by a document which is simply not good enough for ENO, for London, or for the future of the arts in Britain.

CONCERTS: Jazz and a young orchestra

Architecture with a woman's touch

Nikki Iles
Purcell Room

IT IS a rare jazz concert indeed which begins with a hushed introductory passage involving bells, bass clarinet and cello, but then composer/pianist Nikki Iles has never allowed herself to be unduly restricted by arbitrary categories. In addition to contributing her limpid piano playing to the small-group music of such emerging stars as bassist Sylvan Richardson and guitarist Mike Walker, she leads her own band, the Architects, and has collaborated in the last couple of years with writers' groups in Cheshire, the IOU Theatre Group, and with American dancer/choreographer Mimi Cichanowicz.

The bells ushered in a gently lilting version of Bill Evans's *My Bells*, and their deployment was a welcome indication of Iles's dextrous adventurousness as an arranger, her skill in exploiting the considerable textural variety provided by her band. An octet drawn in the main from the flexible, larger Creative Jazz Orchestra, it placed at Iles's disposal, courtesy of the multi-instrumental skills of frontline reed players Andy Schofield and Iain Dixon, not just the conventional jazz instrumentation of saxophones/guitar and rhythm section, but also much more unusual combinations of flutes, clarinets, cello and French horn.

In the first half, the octet would typically begin a piece as an oddly attractive species of chamber group, with bass, cello and bass clarinet setting the mood, then switch seemlessly into straight-ahead jazz, with Mike Walker's guitar and Schofield's alto soloing over a gently shuffling rhythm.

After the interval and a lush version of Charlie Haden's plangent *Sandino* featuring French-horn player Alan Tokeley, Iles unveiled *The Printmakers*, a suite of five pieces, each dedicated to a woman in jazz particularly inspirational to the composer: singers Norma Winstone and Billie Holiday, contemporary composer/pianists Carla Bley and Geri Allen, and the doyenne of jazz women Mary Lou Williams.

Given the range of material they had to play, the octet unsurprisingly sounded a little over formal at times, but in general this was an intriguingly varied and original programme, and one which marked out Iles both as an arranger of considerable talent and as a gifted composer.

CHRIS PARKER

Bolder in the past

YMSO/Menuhin
Festival Hall

THERE was a time when the name of the Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra was synonymous with musical adventure. Concerts, usually at St John's, Smith Square, might have been poorly attended more often than not, but they were rightly regarded as some of the most lively musical events in London.

But times change. Now the YMSO plays at the Festival Hall and the Barbican. Its members, rather absurdly in my view, wear tails, and wind and brass departments are peopled by accomplished post-graduates from the Guildhall School. The strings have significantly improved.

Yet although there is still the occasional programme to whet the adventurous appetite — the UK première of John Corigliano's First Symphony two years ago, for instance — nowadays they are far more likely to play safe. So next month, under the baton of the YMSO's founder and principal conductor, James Blair, there is a programme of film music at the Barbican. Hardly the most enlightening or demanding training ground for young players, but it will lure the punters. And on Wednesday the orchestra's president, Lord Menuhin, conducted an all-Russian programme in the presence of the Russian ambassador that would fill any hall at any time. It was generally good, but routine.

The riskiest music-making came in Shostakovich's First Cello Concerto, not because the choice of work was particularly daring but because the performance seemed to hang by such a delicate thread. The soloist, Felix Schmidt, wildly applauded at the end by his colleagues, trod carefully, approaching the cadenza like an Alpine rock-face and momentarily losing his hold once or twice. Menuhin's beat was of the dogged kind, leaving no room to shape phrases or sections properly. But the all-important solo horn player, Daniel Edwards, gave a fine account of himself, sturdy and sure and cool.

Otherwise, Borodin's *Polotsvian Dances*, heard as usual in Rimsky-Korsakov's wonderful orchestration, provided a showcase for some opulent brass playing and razor-sharp percussion. And Tchaikovsky's *Pathétique Symphony* had confidence in plenty, with the added bonus of a second movement that resisted over-suavity and a March that had real menace.

STEPHEN PETTITT

OPERA: *Porgy and Bess* and *Dido and Aeneas* at Houston Grand Opera

The writing is on the wall

Houston Grand Opera's premiere production of *Harvey Milk*, reviewed last week, is running in repertory with new stagings of two other English-language operas — *Porgy and Bess* and *Dido and Aeneas*. If bound hand and foot with a noose round my neck and a six-shooter cocked at my temple, I might concede that there was a case for performing the new work with supertitles, though the excellent cast ensured that the text was easily audible.

But titles for *Porgy*, a piece familiar to every theatregoer in the USA? And *Dido*, whose light accompaniment guarantees audibility of the text? Will people only go to opera nowadays if they can "read" the performance rather than listen to it? (And the well-meaning but condescending *Porgy* libretto does not "read" at all well today.)

It would be impertinent for a Brit to tell Americans how to perform *Porgy*, but impertinence is my second name. Perhaps I was expecting too much from the first staging of the piece by an African-American woman — fresh, sympathetic insight into the character of Bess, for instance. But no: under the direction of Hope Clarke, all was time-dishonoured routine, over-given to Production Numbers and reinforcing rather than undermining stereotypes. If D'Oyly Carte were to stage *Peter Grimes*, it might look something like this, and to watch it amid a well-heeled white audience was squirm-making.



Stacey Robinson (Crown), Marquita Lister (Bess) and Alvy Powell (Porgy) in Hope Clarke's *Porgy* staging

The show was well conducted by the experienced John DeMain, but very unevenly cast. Angela Simpson was an outstanding Serena, sumptuous of voice and dignified of demeanour. Marquita Lister could have made much more of Bess in happier surroundings, and Alvy Powell was a soft-centred, sentimental Porgy — there is much, much greater potential in the role. Crown (Stacey Robinson) was cast for his chest measurement rather than his weedy bass-baritone, and Larry Marshall's Sportin' Life was notable more for multiple changes of costume than for delivery of fail-safe solos. I'm sorry. *Porgy* is one of the great 20th-century operas and — especially for a production about to embark on a nationwide tour — deserves better.

As for *Dido*, well, this *soi-disant* "authentic" co-production with Opera Atelier of Canada was a collector's item. It was extremely well conducted by Marc Minkowski, and decently sung — more than decently in the case of Linda Maguire's warm-toned Dido.

Otherwise, much led me to suspect that this was the Gran Scena company of New York under another name. Visually it was a symphony of mimsy posturing in high heels, revealing miniskirts, black lipstick and too much rouge — and that's just the chaps. Neither costumes nor choreography were remotely in period, either Purcell's or any other, and the whole caboodle was so camp as to make one of Lina Lalandi's "authentic" evenings look like a rugby international.

If, as is rumoured, this embarrassing farrago is brought to the Proms, it will surely be hooted off the platform, and if anything half as unworthy of Purcell's genius is served up in this, his tercentenary, I shall be surprised (and very angry).

RODNEY MILNES

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

VISIONS OF PARADISE: The great Tippett birthday celebrations continue, with the London Symphony Orchestra presenting another of its own contributions on Sunday. Sir Colin Davis conducts a programme that puts Tippett's magically lyrical Triple Concerto next to Elgar's Symphony No 1 in A flat.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Sun, 7.30pm. ▧

SPOTLIGHT ON SANDERLING: The renowned conductor pairs up with pianist Mitsuko Uchida and the Philharmonia Orchestra for the opening work of Sunday's concert, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat. Shostakovich's Symphony No15 in A makes a complete contrast for the second half.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Sun, 7.30pm. ▧

JAZZ AROUND TOWN: A trio of strong choices for jazz aficionados this weekend. **Anne Hampton Callaway** is a perennial hit at New York cabarets such as the Algonquin, a classy vocalist with a strong line in wisecracks. The **Mike Westbrook Orchestra** continues its Blackheath residency tonight, while tomorrow bass player **Eberhard Weber** goes solo — proving once again that he can keep an audience in the palm of his hand.
Callaway: Pizza on the Park (0171-235 5273). Tonight-Feb 25, 9.15 and 11.15pm. *Weber*: Queen Elizabeth Hall ▧ (0171-928 8800), Sat, 7.45pm. *Westbrook*: Blackheath Concert Halls (0181-463 0100). Fri, 8pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: First production for nearly 30 years of Robin Maugham's **The Servant**, restored to its original setting in the 1940s. Paul Copley and James Purefoy are the corrupt servant and spineless master. Bill Alexander directs.
Repertory, Centenary Square (0121-236 4455). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm; opens Feb 14. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Mar 4. ▧

CARDIFF: Tadaaki Otaka gives tonight's **BBC National Orchestra of Wales** concert a decidedly Russian flavour, with a programme of Stravinsky's *Fireworks*, Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* (excerpts) and Variations on a Rococo theme, and Scriabin's *Poem of Ecstasy*.
St David's Hall, The Hayes (0222 371236). Tonight, 7.30pm ▧

GLASGOW: The taste of Russia continues as Alexander Lazarev conducts the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra** tomorrow for Prokofiev's Symphony No 3, ballet music from Gounod's *Faust* and Strauss's Oboe Concerto. The **Novosibirsk Philharmonic Orchestra** then takes over on Sunday for a programme of Prokofiev and Mussorgsky.
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street (041-227 5511). Sat and Sun, 7.30pm. ▧

LIVERPOOL: Richard Hickox, a great choral interpreter and a specialist in British music, conducts the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic** this weekend for a hefty programme of Mozart's Mass in C minor, K427, Pärt's Cantus in memory of Benjamin Britten and Britten's own Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings.
Anglican Cathedral, Hope Street (0151-709 3789). Tomorrow, 7.30pm. ▧

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Chinese Arms and Armour (0171-636 1555) . . . **Courtauld**: Frank Dobson: Sculpture 1915-1954 (071-873 2526) . . . **Hayward**: Yves Klein (071-928 3144) . . . **National Gallery**: The Age of Elegance (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Christina Rossetti, final week (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine**: Man Ray (0171-402 6075) . . . **Tate**: New Displays 1995 (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Nehru Gallery, Streetstyle (0171-938 8500) . . . **Whitechapel**: Worlds in a Box, final week (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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☐ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE**: Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **DEALER'S CHOICE**: Patrick Marber, co-writer of numerous Steve Coogan shows, directs his own first play tonight, a comedy about an all-night poker game.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2.30 and 7.30pm. Marber gives another in the National's series of **Platform** events, 6pm ▧

▧ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**: With Juliet Stevenson as the victimised heroine and Simon Russell Beale her sadistic twin brother, this production (by Philip Franks) promises to be electrifying.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Now previewing, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Opens Feb 13. ▧

■ **ION**: Nicholas Wright directs Euripides's tragi-comedy, neatly described a "drama of epic characters with domestic problems". Superb performances, led by Jude Law.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, Sat, 2pm and 7.15pm. ▧

☐ **THE LIBERTINE**: Stephen Jeffreys's excellent portrait of the life and times of the rakehell Earl of Rochester in rep with *The Man of Mode*.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Tonight, 7.30pm.

☐ **THE LIVE BED SHOW**: Arthur Smith's revised version of his 1989 Edinburgh Festival comedy: Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6.30pm and 8.45pm.

▧ **MAMA I WANT TO SING**: The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical, based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). Cast includes the charismatic Chaka Khan.
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Tue and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8.

▧ **ROMEO AND JULIET**: Inventive performance artist Emily Woof, in her first classical role, plays Juliet opposite Stuart Bunce's Romeo. Neil Bartlett directs the co-production with West Yorkshire Playhouse.
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Now previewing, 7.30pm; opens Feb 7 ▧

■ **STRICTLY ENTRE NOUS**: Dudley Sutton plays W H Auden when old and Rupert Holliday-Evans his reproachful younger self in Vince Foxall's play, set in a shabby Viennese hotel. Bill Pryde directs.
BAC, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Opens tonight. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun 6pm. Until Mar 11. ▧

☐ **THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL**: Award-winning performance from Lilo Baur in Simon McBurney's thrilling production on the loves and anguish of peasant life. Theatre de Complicite begin an international tour here.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 6pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm. ▧

▧ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA**: Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival of Kurt Weill's opera. Tom Hollander sings Macheath and words by the team of writers customarily known as "Bertolt Brecht".
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ▧

▧ **ZORRO — THE MUSICAL**: The masked swashbuckler of comics legend returns to twirl his cape in Ken Hill's latest (and sadly last) musical romp.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (0181-534 0310). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Feb 14; until Mar 18. ▧

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DALLAS DOLL (18): Golf guru Sandra Bernhard liberates the Sydney suburbs. A botched affair from Ann Turner.
Metro (071-437 0757)

HEAVENLY CREATURES (18): Strange, fatal friendship of two New Zealand teenagers. Compelling, imaginative, true-life drama from director Peter Jackson.
Gate ▧ (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** ▧ (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** ▧ (0171-435 3366)

SOLITAIRE FOR 2 (15). Body-language lecturer pursues archaeologist with ESP. Awkward comedy from *Pig Farmer* co-director Gary Sinyor. With Mark Frankel and Amanda Pays.
MGM Trocadero ▧ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Plaza** ▧ (0800 888997) **Warner** ▧ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **STAR TREK: GENERATIONS** (PG): Talky but acceptable film debut for the stars of television's *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Patrick Stewart meets William Shatner. Director, David Carson.
Empire ▧ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ▧ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ▧ (792 3332)

CURRENT

AMATEUR (15): Amnesiac pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley.
MGM Haymarket (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

BARCELONA (12): Whit Stillman's successor to *Metropolitan*, an agreeable blend of romance, politics and disco dancing, set during the early 1980s.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426-915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18). Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book.
Barbican ▧ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** ▧ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ▧ (0171-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ▧ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ▧ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **LEON** (18). Precious child shelters under a hitman's wing. Sleek, empty thriller shot in New York by French director Luc Besson. With Jean Reno, Natalie Portman and Gary Oldman.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ▧ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG): Marisa Tomei chases the man of her dreams through Italy. Lazy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison.
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THEATRE: The power of Arthur Miller; mania under a Welsh moon; Strindberg's misogyny

Betrayal amid the black stuff

SWNS



Danger man: Bernard Hill brings weight, force and menace to the role of the troubled Eddie Carbone

A View from the Bridge
Bristol Old Vic

LOOKING into the eyes of Eddie Carbone, protagonist of Arthur Miller's *View from the Bridge*, is like looking down long, black tunnels. When he comes into a room, he manages to make it feel darker. Those are the claims of the lawyer who is simultaneously a minor character, the play's narrator and Miller's own spokesman, and they create predictable difficulties for any director, but especially for one on the milder side of the Atlantic. How many British actors can persuade you that their eye-sockets end at a place, deep inside the earth, where only bats and warlocks dwell?

David Thacker has come up with a choice that is at once unexpected and inspired. Remember Yosser, the unemployed Liverpudlian in Alan Bleasdale's *Boys from the Blackstuff*? Recall his descent into raging obsession and inarticulate madness? He was played by Bernard Hill, one of those actors who, probably from choice, have stayed clear of metropolitan haute couture and the great national companies. But here he is, adding weight, force and danger to a production that, let's hope, will eventually be seen beyond the cities on its immediate flight path, Bristol and Birmingham.

Carbone is an American-Sicilian longshoreman who gives refuge to two illegal immigrant brothers, only to crack up when one of them falls for his niece and she for him. His feelings for the girl always seem more than avuncular, and before long they have become destructive too. He begins by wildly accusing his rival of homosexuality, on the grounds that he is fair-haired and enjoys singing, and ends up betraying both brothers to the authorities. And it is evident from the start that all this, and worse, is inevitable, thanks to the ominous commentary of Alan MacNaughtan's lawyer, who sits watching the proceedings throughout, a silver-haired, black-suited blend of mortician and mourner.

But Miller's attempt to write so inexorably traditional a tragedy presents an obvious challenge to the director and his cast. When a play moves in a dead-straight line, rather than by twists and surprises, how are they to keep tension high? Well, that is not a problem here. You just cannot take your eyes off Hill, with his black Stalin-style moustache and the private gulag festering behind it. Nor is it just a matter of physical menace. You never quite know, because he does not know himself, whether the next moment he will rage, sob, kiss his niece or her lover on the lips, or balefully glower.

There are cavils to be made. If Thacker were able to people the starkly surrealist apartments of Shelagh Keegan's set less skimpily, we would have a stronger sense that the offence Carbone commits is against community and conscience. Again, he cannot disguise that the lawyer's parting words are an awkwardly literary attempt ("he allowed himself to be wholly known") to claim Carbone as a tragic hero, or Tragic Hero. But Thacker achieves something far more important, which is to prove Miller, the intellectual's dramatist, a writer of passion and power.

It is not just Hill who gives a strong, charged performance. It is Charlotte Cornwell as his appalled wife, Ivan Kaye as the big silent brother, Joseph Fiennes as the gentle, garrulous one, and Emer McCourt as a niece with the near-impossible task of being both sweetly passive and interestingly active. The first-night audience was on tenterhooks throughout. So was I.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Serious moonlight

Full Moon
Young Vic

AT THE full moon, lunatics were thought to reach the worst stage of their lunacy, and the moon is full for much of this sombre, haunting play, casting its baleful influence over the inhabitants of a Welsh-speaking village in the years around the First World War. Uncle Owen hangs himself, someone else slits his throat behind the school, and the narrator's mother, grieving for the early death of her husband, goes mad.

The play is adapted by Helena Kaut-Howson and John A. Owen from the 1961 novel by Caradog Prichard, three times winner of the Eisteddfod crown. The novel is evidently a major piece of literature, but since it was written in Welsh, its name and that of its author are unknown outside North Wales.

The moon shining down through scudding clouds at the rear of Sophie Jump's traverse set is a poetic image for a curse; and the references to the Penrhyn Lock-Outs and the religious mania that followed are so brief that the play's shape is initially hard to grasp.

It is a memory play — good memories and bad — which begins with the return of the unnamed, middle-aged narrator (Jon Strickland) from across the moonlit mountain to the village of his childhood. His younger self (Simon Gregor) goes to school, fears God and desperately loves his overworked, unhappy mother.

Strickland and Gregor (the one sorrowfully nostalgic, the other fiercely innocent, both excellent) share most of the narration, but other villagers make their contributions. In Kaut-Howson's fluid direction jubilant crowds burst across the stage to celebrate a local hero, demonic creatures haunt the mother (Betsan Llwyd), but the focus always returns to a dark pool at the foot of the mountain, a location for happiness, betrayal and death.

Perhaps the narrator's young self, unhinged by his mother's madness, commits a crime here. This may account for his long absence, and the whole play would then be an exorcism and atonement. First performed by Theatr Clwyd at Mold, the resonating details of pain and loss build to a climax both strange and inevitable.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Overdrawn account

The Creditors
Gate, Notting Hill

LONDON is in the grip of Strindberg fever. There is *Easter* at the Pit. *The Dance of Death* has taken hold at the Almeida. And now here comes *Creditors* (1888), Strindberg's short drama of marital maliciousness and misogyny. It is at the Gate, where David Farr has already boldly staged *The Great Highway*.

Unfortunately, Fusion Theatre Company's production is not a humdinger of an evening. The piece is mildly plagued with melodrama. The young artist Adolf, in the obligatory Swedish kit of creamy linen, is pasty and perspiring. He is having the life sucked out of him — or so he comes to believe — by his older wife Tekla. He unmanfully quivers around his room, in a sweat over his apparently wanton spouse. He is tempted into discontent by the satanically bearded Gustav, actually Tekla's first husband, who has resurfaced at the seaside hotel.

Gustav (Peter Tate) gives little flicks of his fingers, the devil, and turns a neat 90 degrees whenever he is grabbed by malevolent caprice. He appears to be making complete sense to Adolf as he diagnoses the poor fellow's sympathetic labour pains as the first signs of epilepsy, requiring an abstention from sex for six months (mentioning, in passing, the poor chap's got a terminal disease anyway). I would have sought a second opinion.

Anyway, the gentlemen come to agree that, while their gender's love is all-giving, a woman's is devouringly all-taking. Sorkina Tate's Tekla, somewhere between a wicked witch and the Whore of Babylon, does not do much to make you shout, "Oh, no, it's not." Tekla likes to position herself for glittering stares out across the audience. Meanwhile Adolf has an epileptic fit on the sofa and, looking rather like Chatterton with flu, falls to his knees and dies on the spot at the end. Jonathan Arun has been better.

Strindberg's storyline is bemusing, while his psychosexual signposts can be too blatant. But *Creditors*, partly based on the playwright's troubled marriage with Siri von Essen, is a bold dark exploration of domestic viciousness, childish dependency, and sexually charged power games.

KATE BASSETT

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This charming mandroid

Back on tour, back in the sights of those who would destroy him, Morrissey talks to **David Sinclair** about love, hate and fame


STEPHEN GIBSON

"We just have to walk on stage with the understanding that it might end up a complete mess, despite our best intentions": Morrissey put his art on the line in Glasgow last week

I first met Morrissey in 1984. I was a researcher on the BBC television show *Eight Days a Week* and he was on the programme's celebrity panel, convened to discuss the week's gigs and new releases. The Smiths were enjoying their first flush of success, and Morrissey was the unchallenged darling of the music press. But his fellow panellists — George Michael and Tony Blackburn — were not so easily impressed and, whenever they locked horns, Blackburn in particular ran rings around the nervous-looking Morrissey.

"I was this strange, skinny creature, with a hearing aid, in a spotty blouse," Morrissey says. "Blackburn was having none of it. And who on earth can blame him? The man clearly has all his marbles firmly intact."

Michael was very much the heavily made-up superstar. "But that's his world," Morrissey says with a forgiving sigh. "If it ever becomes my world I pray that somebody assassinates me."

It shouldn't come to that. Indeed, neither superstardom nor assassination is likely to result from *World Of Morrissey*, the winning title of a rather desultory compilation album released this week. A mid-price collection of singles, B-sides and other odds and ends, all of them previously available elsewhere, it is the final release under the terms of Morrissey's recording contract with EMI, a deal agreed when the Smiths signed on the dotted line in 1987, and then split up without recording another note.

But how the world of Stephen Patrick Morrissey (if not his haircut) has changed since then. Now 35, he has become the bête noire of the weekly music press, which has turned on him with all the negative, obsessive passion of an embittered former lover. One paper, which implausibly reviled him as some sort of crypto-racist because he wrote a song called *The National Front Disco* and once wrapped himself in the Union Jack on stage, ended its review of his current single, *Boxers*, with the parting shot of "We will not forget, mate."

"They fell out with me, but they've never actually left me alone," Morrissey says. "At the time, I thought OK, fine, you can't stand the sight of me, please go away. But they've never ceased to request interviews and write about me. It's all very strange."

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Such treatment has done nothing to assuage a persecution complex which has frequently revealed itself in the lyrics of songs such as *Why Don't You Find Out For Yourself* ("I've been stabbed in the back so many times I don't have any skin") and *I Am Hated For Loving* ("Anonymous call, poison pen/Brick in the small of the back again"). But why does he think people are always getting at him?

"I think very few people have a grasp of me, even after all these years," he says. "My sense of humour is still completely misunderstood. I feel much as I ever did: untapped. It's childish to say misunderstood. More likely I'm the strangest living oddity."

With his lantern jaw and thinning quiff now beginning to make him look like the kind of middle-aged Northerner you would expect to find drinking stout and smoking a pipe in the local snug, Morrissey delivers his outlandish comments in a gently chiding tone. He actually drinks mineral water and has never smoked.

A surprisingly tall, willowy figure, he combines unbridled egocentricity with a mildly deferential air. Much of what he says is accompanied by a mischievous sparkle in his eye. You mustn't call Morrissey an "act", let alone a "pop star" ("I'm just inexplicably Me"), but, whatever he is, he clearly fails the taxi-driver test: most will know of him, but none could name, let alone whistle, any of his 18 hits.

"Compared to most Top 20 artists I don't sell that much at all," Morrissey says. "I'm just a quirk of nature on the sidelines, which is how I've always been."

But as the 1990s unfold, the pervasive influence of Morrissey and the Smiths becomes ever more apparent. They paved the way for Suede, while the current wave of rising young groups such as Gene, Echobelly, Shed Seven and Marion all owe Morrissey a big debt of thanks. His biographer, David Bret, goes so far as to call him "quite possibly the most influential entertainer of his generation". So does Morrissey see a role as an elder statesman of rock beckoning?

"Do I have a choice? If such a role is thrust upon me I'll take it and stick it on the mantelpiece. But I'm really not trying to be the Lord Mayor of Pop or anything like that."

If his detractors have been roused to unnatural extremes of hatred, Morrissey's fans are no less devout in their worship of him. At the first show of his current tour last week, at the 2,000-capacity Barrowlands in Glasgow, the stage was subject to a constant stream of invaders who clambered up from the ruck at the front. Mostly men, they all gave him a big hug and a kiss before being led off by his extraordinarily patient security staff.

"A lot of them actually start talking to me, which makes it very difficult for me to concentrate on the words," he says. "But it's not something I'd ever moan about. It's just pure emotion unleashing itself. It would be pompous of me to try to curb or control it."

Although it was a somewhat hesitant first-night performance, Morrissey and his band, ably led by the guitarists Alain Whyte and Boz Boorer, went to town on the following night at the Motherwell Civic Centre, an 1,800-capacity venue well off the beaten track ("I decided to play there because it's such a nice, round, comforting name").

Morrissey gave an impassioned performance, the scope of which was exemplified by the moment when the screeching, clattering strobe-lit climax of *The National Front Disco* segued into a dulcet arrangement of the old Henry Mancini/Johnny Mercer showtune *Moon River*.

Unfortunately, by the end of the performance the number of people breaching the stage had spiralled out of control (I counted 44 incursions during *Speedway* alone), and Morrissey abandoned ship halfway through the only encore, a drastically rearranged version of the old Smiths song *Shoplifters Of The World Unite*.

"It would be nice to be able to stand and sing, uninterrupted. But it's a great compliment that sometimes I can't," Morrissey says. "We just have to walk on stage with the understanding that it might end up a complete and utter mess, despite our best intentions."

- World of Morrissey *is on Parlophone. Singles, by the Smiths, is released by WEA on Feb 20.*
- *Morrissey's tour continues at Aston Villa Leisure Centre, Birmingham (0121-328 8330), tomorrow; Island, Ilford (0181-514 4400), Sunday; Guildhall, Portsmouth (01705 842355), Monday; Hull City Hall (01482 226655), Feb 15; St Georges Hall, Bradford (01274 752000), Feb 16; Newcastle City Hall (0191-261 2606), Feb 17; Regent, Ipswich (01473 281480), Feb 19; St Davids Hall, Cardiff (01222 371236), Feb 20; Colston Hall, Bristol (01272 263957), Feb 21; Fairfield Hall, Croydon (0181-688 9291), Feb 23; Brixton Academy, London SW9 (0171-326 1022), Feb 24; Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London WC2 (0171-340 7472), Feb 26*

Leafing through my bloody Valentines

Roses are red, violets are blue. These aren't love songs, but I think they'll do (as the poet should have said)

As Valentine's Day approaches, mushing around the corner in a soup of pink and lace and elongated *Our Tune* slots, I was forced, rather unwillingly, to think about Love Songs. I hadn't even *considered* the subject since I was six: when, apparently, I asked my mother why nearly all the songs in the world were about "Girls and boys and goopy yuck like that."

"Well", my mother replied, "some people like that kind of stuff; and, besides, writing songs about going down the shops and buying lollipops and then coming back and tidying up your bedroom would be a bit *boring*, wouldn't it?"

Well, *no*, songs like that are *brilliant* — the surreal diary-form of *A Day In The Life* by the Beatles, for instance, with Paul and John warbling on about buses and how many holes (or *moles*, as I thought when I was six) it takes to fill the Albert Hall, paints a far more poignant picture of the 1960s than, say, the more abstract *Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds*. Anything that deals with the *minutiae* gives a far more powerful overview of the emotion that the artist is trying to convey.


CAITLIN MORAN

It's always the details that make things gut-wrenching: that's why television news crews, when faced with a whole city flattened by war and thousands dead, will invariably focus on the by-now traditional bloodstained child's teddy bear; why finding an ex-lover's sock can break your heart more efficiently than all the rows you ever had; and why it is so important to have a really *good* bechamel sauce when you're making lasagne. One detail can sum up *years* and mean *everything*, if you choose it carefully enough.

And this is why I hate most love songs so virulently. Huge lyrical duvets about "for ever" and being "so deep and so strong" and all that endless guff about moons and "holding on" and "everything I do, I do it for you" leave me colder than a bed-sit bathroom. Celine Dion and *Think* Twice, Wet Wet Wet and *Love Is All Around*, everything by Whitney and Mariah and Barry White — it's all so *vague*. How's a girl supposed to swoon to a sentiment as insubstantial as their lover "feeling it in my fingers, feeling it in my toes"? That lyric just makes me think of chilblains.

Perhaps it's just a girl thing. When the gossip is being dished around, and we're talking about recent paramours, my male friends' "revelations" will consist of "Mumble mumble went for a drink mumble mumble phoning her tonight", whereas my women friends will spend two hours describing what happened *before* they met up with their belusted, and go on to describe with perfect recall what he wore, what he said, how he smelt, how he felt, and what he looks like when asleep.

By disturbing coincidence, this tallies up with my quick phone-poll on The Greatest Love Songs ever. Male friends went for Elvis, "some reggae", *Always On My Mind* by the Pet Shop Boys, *Diamonds and Pearls* by Prince and, erm, *Ace of Spades* by Mötörhead.

When asked why, the only insights offered were "Elvis's voice goes all wobbly on the word 'love' and "Mötörhead — it's just *in there* music, innit? It's just *in there*."

However, when I quizzed my girlfriends, most of them picked songs that were explicit, *because* they were explicit. "*Whatta Man* by Salt 'n' Pepa is the *best* love song ever," Jools said. "When Salt sings 'And when I take him home he's relaxed with Pep,' it's so brilliant, 'cos you know she's really thought about what kind of man she wants, and now she's found him she wants to list all his best points." *If It's Love* by Squeeze, *A Loon* by Kristin Hersh, *They Can't Take That Away From Me* by Cole Porter, *Why Won't You Stay?* by American Music Club and *It's Never Over* by Jeff Buckley were all swooned over by women for much the same reasons — the artist had picked up on his or her beloved's shoulders, the gap in their teeth, the way they laughed, the shadows around their eyes, and the feel of their breath on the artist's neck as they fall into sleep together — and glorified them.

Which, of course, makes them perfect love songs: when you fall in love, you fall first for the details. I spent two years utterly miserable with unrequited love for a boy, because he lit cigarettes in a cool way. My former boyfriend only became my boyfriend because of two jackets he wore, and his knack of looking the most beautiful man in the world when he played guitar. And the man I go wibbly over at the moment owes 90 per cent of that wibbling to his hair, which really is stunningly cool. Any artist who can capture the magic of cool hair in a song is on to a winner next time I go into HMV.

So after all of this, what will I be listening to on Valentine's Day? *Ace of Spades* by Mötörhead: *trying* to understand.

Arise, royal Belly

NEW ALBUMS: Tanya Donelly's band has the ring of confidence; plus Sleeper sing sex


Tanya Donelly: anything sister Kristin can do ...

BELLY
King
(4AD CAD 5004)
ONLY the might of Whitney Houston's *Bodyguard* soundtrack prevented Belly's debut album, *Star*, from topping the British chart two years ago. The line-up that recorded that album had not played a single gig together, and at that point the group led by Tanya Donelly was still perceived as merely an offshoot of her half-sister Kristin Hersh's band, Throwing Muses.

It's a different story with *King*. With a solid year of touring and a million-selling album behind them, Belly have evolved into a confident, road-hardened unit. Their awesome bass player, Gail Greenwood — not featured on *Star* — has knocked what used to be a rather fussy rhythm section into much leaner shape. And Donelly has written or co-written (either with Greenwood or guitarist Thomas Gorman) a collection of songs that glow with a cool, assured lustre.

Inevitably, though, they have lost the gauche, slightly quirky quality that was part of *Star*'s charm, and any arty intricacies in the song arrangements have been rigorously ironed out, making *King* a much more direct and conventional-sounding collection than its predecessor.

Donelly's lyrics are still woven through with strange riddles. "There's a lady who walks everywhere on her hands/She doesn't trust where her feet want to take her", she sings on *Judas My Heart*, a languorous song that builds to an epic finale.

There are moments of calm during the ethereal *The Bees* and the dreamy verses of *Red*, but more typical are the galloping rhythms, chiming guitars and catchy choruses of *Puberty*, *Super-Connected* and the single, *Now They'll Sleep*. It's a swaggering return, but some of the mystery has disappeared along with the uncertainties of old.

SLEEPER
Smart
(Indolent SLEEP 007)
WHILE the critically applauded Elastica seem to have taken forever to come up with a few singles, Sleeper, their power-pop alter-ego, have swept past, brandishing a debut album that was ready to go the minute they scored their first Top 20 hit with *Inbetweener*. However, on the evidence of *Smart*, this is a contest that could end up being a re-run of the race between the hare and the tortoise.

Louise Wener takes a forthright view about sex, which she equates with getting dirty and messed up. "You're delicious," she sings on *Delicious*, one of several songs, including *Swallow*, *Bedhead* and *Lady Love Your Countryside*, that are all grouped around a similar theme. But her lyrics lack resonance beyond their rather self-conscious shock value, and too many of the songs, written by Wener and guitarist Jon Stewart, smack of the sticky flavour of bubblegum, conjuring, at their worst, the awful spectre of Wendy James and Transvision Vamp. Basically, *Smart* is not smart enough.

EXTREME
Waiting For The Punchline
(A&M 540 305)
IRKED, perhaps, that their credentials as a serious rock'n'roll band have been undermined by the huge success of one hit single — the gloopy acoustic ballad *More Than Words* — and a couple of over-produced, middleweight albums, Extreme have made a determined effort to reposition themselves in the marketplace.

To this end the drums have been recorded loose and boxy, the harmony vocals have been cut back to a bare minimum, Nuno Bettencourt's previously slick guitar sound has been cranked and frayed to the max, and on tracks such as *Naked* and *Evilangelist*, they have worked up some monster, knuckle-crunching, neo-Zeppelin riffs. The nearest thing to *More Than Words* — a tuneful love song called *Unconditionally* — is tucked away as the penultimate track; and even this accommodates a noisy guitar solo.

On a technical level Extreme make it work quite brilliantly — they are stunningly good musicians, after all. But the faint suspicion that it is all a clever, cynical forgery and that at any moment they might break into a jazz-funk, barbershop harmony routine, never entirely disappears.

THE THE
Hanky Panky
(Epic 478139)
IT IS HARD to think of a more bizarre mismatch of talents than those of Matt Johnson — alias The The — and the long-deceased country singer Hank Williams. But that has not prevented Johnson from applying his chronically limited vocal style — swathed, as ever, in enough echo and distortion to sink a ship — to 11 of Williams's precise and elegantly turned melodies.

By any sensible reckoning, the preposterously titled *Hanky Panky* should have been a disaster. But Johnson's treatment of songs including *Honky Tonkin'*, *I'm A Long Gone Daddy* and *I Saw The Light* is so high-handed that in many cases comparisons with the original versions are all but meaningless.

Treated as the husk of an idea from which Johnson can develop his melodramatic arrangements at will, Williams's songs offer secure foundations, and his words a core emotion that lends itself rather well to Johnson's bombastic approach. Against the odds, a peculiar alchemy occurs.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**The Colour Of My Love**	Celine Dion (Epic)
2	**Good News From The Next World**	Simple Minds (Virgin)
3	**Carry On Up The Charts**	Beautiful South (Go! Discs)
4	**Dummy**	Portishead (Go! Discs)
5	**Leftism**	Leftfield (Hard Hands)
6	**Crocodile Shoes**	Jimmy Nail (East West)
7	**Bizarre Fruit**	M People (Deconstruction)
8	**Worry Bomb**	Carter USM (Chrysalis)
9	**Parklife**	Blur (Food)
10	**Always & Forever**	Eternal (EMI)

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Reference to Europe but no interim relief

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Before Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Ackner, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Woolf

[Speeches February 9]

While a reference on questions concerning the conservation of wild birds and protection of their habitats was made to the European Court of Justice, it was inappropriate to make an interim declaration that it would be unlawful for the Secretary of State for the Environment to fail to act so as to avoid deterioration of habitats and the disturbance of species in an area whose status as a special protection area was under consideration.

The House of Lords so held when referring two questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities upon an appeal by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds against the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Hoffmann dissenting) of an appeal against the refusal of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Smith) to quash a decision of the secretary of state to exclude Lappel Bank from the designated Medway Estuary and Marshes special protection area for birds.

Mr Richard Gordon, QC, for the RSPB; Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Alastair Lindsay for the secretary of state; Mr Stuart Isaacs, QC and Mr Clive Lewis for Port of Sheerness Ltd, intervening.

LORD JAUNCEY said that Swale Borough Council had granted planning permission to the Medway Ports Authority for reclamation of 26 hectares of Lappel Bank in 1989.

A further application by that authority for dock reclamation and extension of Sheerness Docks was called in by the secretary of state who decided to refuse a detailed planning application for Lappel Bank on the ground that it would have significant adverse effects on the survival and reproduction of certain species of birds and would not accord with Directive 79/409/EEC of April 2, 1979, on the conservation of wild birds.

Thereafter the secretary of state received requests to revoke the 1989 planning permission and representations from the council as to the social and economic consequences of such revocation. In 1993 he decided he was minded to exclude Lappel Bank from the Medway Estuary special protection area on the ground that the need not to inhibit the commercial viability of the port and the contribution that expansion in that area would play outweighed its nature conservation value.

The question was whether in reaching that conclusion the secretary of state was entitled in terms of the birds directive to have regard to economic considerations.

Faced with the competing arguments of substance and with support for each of those arguments in conflicting judgments of the Court of Appeal the House had no alternative but to refer the matter to the European Court.

The House then had to consider the RSPB's application for interim declaratory relief, making the assumption that such remedy was available in law, and considering only whether an appropriate case for granting it had been made out.

His Lordship saw formidable difficulties in the way of granting the relief proposed.

In the first place, until the European Court had ruled upon the construction to be placed on article 4 of the birds directive, the secretary of state would not know the proper basis upon which to make the assessment.

In the second place, Mr Gordon conceded that his objective in seeking the declaration was to hold up further development of Lappel Bank pending a ruling by the European Court. Any such hold-up could result in a very large commercial loss to the Port of Sheerness and possibly to Swale Borough Council as planning authority. However the RSPB were not prepared to give any cross-undertaking in damages.

Had they sought an interim injunction against the port authority or other developer proceeding further they would undoubtedly have been required to give such an undertaking as a condition of being granted relief. Instead, they were seeking to achieve the same result without the risk of incurring very substantial expenditure and thereby asking the House to adopt a most unusual course.

In the third place, the proposed order did not seek to declare what were the interim rights of any person or body arising under the directive or otherwise, which would be the expected form of any interim declaration, but rather it sought, in a negative way, to seek to compel the secretary of state to take certain action.

A declaration that "the secretary of state acts unlawfully if ... he fails to act" in a certain way was tantamount to an instruction to the secretary of state to act in a particular way. It was not declaratory of anyone's rights but a mandatory order which if it were to be granted by way of relief would usually be granted in the form of an interim injunction.

In addition it would be unsuitable in the instant case because the secretary of state would be unaware how properly to proceed in the absence of the European Court's ruling.

Furthermore, the declaration sought would not, per se, achieve the objective of the RSPB since so long as the planning permission stood the port authority and any developer could properly continue with the reclamation.

To prevent that, further machinery would require to be set in motion to revoke the planning permission, a course which would be likely to have very considerable financial implications.

Lord Bridge, Lord Ackner, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Woolf agreed.

Solicitors: Richard Buxton, Cambridge; Treasury Solicitor; Brachers, Maidstone.

Challenge can be made by way of summons

Mercury Communications Ltd v Director General of Telecommunications and Another

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead

[Speeches February 9]

A claim by a licensed operator of a telecommunication system that on the true construction of a licence granted to British Telecommunications plc by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry the relevant costs and overheads to be charged to the operator were those for which it contended rather than those found by the Director General of Telecommunications could properly be raised by way of an originating summons for a declaration: the operator was not restricted to an application under Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Mercury Communications Ltd, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Saville, Lord Justice Hoffmann dissenting) (*The Times* August 3, 1994), who by a majority had allowed appeals by the defendants, the director general and BT, from the refusal of Mr Justice Longmore in the Commercial Court of their applications to strike out proceedings instituted by Mercury by the issue of an originating summons.

Mr Peter Scott, QC and Mr Nicholas Green for Mercury; Mr William Charles and Mr Paul Lasok, QC, for the director; Mr Colin Edelman for BT.

LORD SLYNN said that by the British Telecommunications Act 1981 the exclusive privilege in respect of telecommunications previously enjoyed by the Post Office had been vested in BT, although the secretary of state had been given power to grant a licence to other persons for the running of a telecommunication system.

Such a licence had been granted to Mercury in 1982 allowing it to connect into the BT system and an agreement had been entered into between BT and Mercury governing the interconnection of the two systems.

By the Telecommunications Act 1984 BT's exclusive privilege had been abolished. From the date of its abolition, no person was able lawfully to run a telecommunication system unless authorised by a licence granted under section 7 of the 1984 Act.

On June 22, 1984 the secretary of state had granted a licence to BT which by condition 13.1 had required BT to enter into an agreement with any licensed "operator". BT could only require that the agreement be subject to the terms and conditions permitted by paragraphs 13.4, 13.5 and 13.6.

Those permitted included terms agreed between BT and the operator relating to the charges to be paid by the operator for anything done under or as a result of an agreement.

On November 5, 1984, the secretary of state had granted a licence to Mercury under section 7 of the 1984 Act, and on March 18, 1986 BT and Mercury had entered into an agreement varying the 1982 agreement.

Under clause 29 of the agreement, either party might after five years require negotiation of the agreement if it reasonably considered that a fundamental change in the circumstances had occurred.

On June 9, 1992, BT had told the director that it and Mercury had been discussing a new, negotiated agreement and, considering it unlikely that they would agree on pricing, referred to the director under clause 29 the amounts to be charged for connection and the conveyance of calls.

The director had made his determination on December 2, 1993. The parties accepted that in equity they were bound by it.

BT considered that it was in accordance with condition 13 so that the director had complied with clause 29. Mercury, however, contended that the director had misinterpreted the phrases in condition 13 "fully allocated costs attributable to the services to be provided" and "relevant overheads".

In both cases Mercury said that it was appropriate to look only at the marginal or additional costs caused by the provision of services to Mercury, whereas the director, supported by BT, had taken such proportion of the total costs and total overheads incurred by BT as was attributable to the proportion of its services provided to Mercury.

Mercury had accordingly issued its originating summons asking for a declaration that on the true construction of the BT licence and in particular conditions 13.5 and 13.5A the relevant costs and overheads were those for which it contended.

Both defendants had applied to strike out the summons on the ground that it was frivolous or vexatious or otherwise an abuse of the process of the court, or under the inherent jurisdiction of the court. The grounds were that the matters in question could only be raised, if at all, under Order 53, that the relief sought would not settle the matters in issue and was academic and that it could not be granted in the absence of other interested parties.

The defendants contended that the relationship between the director and Mercury and BT in connection with any determination the director might make, and any challenge to that determination, was governed solely by public law and that the only issue to which the proceedings related "depend[ed] exclusively on the existence of a purely public law right" per Lord Bridge of Harwich in *Roy v Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster Family Practitioner Committee* ([1992] 1 AC 624, 628).

Accordingly, they said, even if any procedure was open to Mercury to raise the issues it sought to raise, it could only be by judicial review on the basis of *O'Reilly v Mackman* ([1983] 2 AC 237).

There, Lord Diplock had said (at p285): "It would in my view as a general rule be contrary to public policy, and as such an abuse of the process of the court, to permit a person seeking to establish that a decision of a public authority infringed rights to which he was entitled to protection under public law to proceed by way of an ordinary action and by this means to evade the provisions of Order 53 for the protection of such authorities."

He had, however, specifically recognised that there might be exceptions. Whether there should be "should, in my view, at this stage in the development of procedural public law, be left to be decided on a case to case basis".

It was of particular importance, as his Lordship saw it, to retain some flexibility, as the precise limits of what was called "public law" and what was called "private law" were by no means worked out. It had to be borne in mind that the overriding question was whether the proceedings constituted an abuse of the process of the court.

The director's office was created by statute and he had statutory functions, some of which he shared with the secretary of state. They were performing public duties when they sought to secure the provision of such telecommunications as satisfied all reasonable demands.

The granting of a licence containing condition 13 was an act performed under section 7 of the 1984 Act. That did not mean that what the director did could not lead to disputes that fell outside the realms of administrative law any more than a government department could not enter into a commercial contract or commit a tort actionable before the court under its ordinary procedures.

Even though condition 13 was in the licence, the interpretation of its terms arose no less in a dispute between two telecommunications companies. What the director decided became a part of the contract: the dispute in substance and form was as to the effect of the terms of the contract even if it could also be expressed as a dispute as to the terms of the licence.

The procedure by way of originating summons in the Commercial Court was at least as well suited as, and might be better than the determination of the issues than the procedure by way of judicial review.

His Lordship accordingly rejected the contention that Mercury's claims could only be ventilated by way of judicial review.

The defendants said that the issues to be resolved fell wholly within the competence of the director.

In his Lordship's view, however, when the parties had agreed in clause 29.5 that the director's determination should be limited to such matters as he would have power to determine under condition 13 of BT's licence and that the principles to be applied by him should be "those set out in those conditions" they had intended him to deal with such matters and such principles as correctly interpreted.

They had not intended him simply to apply such meaning as he himself thought they should bear. His interpretation could therefore be reviewed by the court.

The case did not, in his Lordship's view, raise questions that were academic or hypothetical or wholly in the future in the sense that they might or might not arise. Nor was allowing Mercury to take the course it had taken in any way permitting it to rewrite the contract between it and BT.

Lord Keith, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Lloyd and Lord Nicholls agreed.

Solicitors: Coudert Brothers; Treasury Solicitor; Mr Alan Whitfield.

Deciding whether to confirm order banning quarrying

Regina v Secretary of State for Wales, Ex parte Mid-Glamorgan County Council

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Saville

[Judgment February 3]

Where a mineral planning authority made an order to prevent the resumption of quarrying at an inactive site, the secretary of state, in deciding whether or not to confirm the order, was not limited to considering the factual and evidential situation at the time when the order was made.

He could take into account subsequent events, even though any order could in theory be defeated by the landowner taking steps to resume working after the date of the order, when for the first time he would receive notice of it, and before confirmation; or by taking steps within that period to establish the likelihood of a resumption of working.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Mid-Glamorgan County Council from the refusal by Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny, on December 15, 1993, of an application for judicial review of a decision of the Secretary of State for Wales, after an inquiry by an inspector appointed by him, refusing to confirm an order made by the council on December 17, 1991 prohibiting the winning and working of minerals at Ewenny Quarry, near Bridgend, where quarrying had ceased in 1961.

Paragraph 3 of Schedule 9 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Schedule 1 to the Planning and Compensation Act 1991, provides:

"(1) Where it appears to the mineral planning authority — (a) that development of land — (i) consisting of the winning and working of minerals ... has occurred; but (b) the winning and working ... has permanently ceased, the mineral planning authority may by order (i) prohibit the resumption of the winning and working...

"(2) The mineral and planning authority may assume that the winning and working has ceased only when — (a) no winning and working ... has occurred, to any substantial extent, at the site for a period of at least two years; and (b) it appears to the mineral planning authority, on the evidence available to them at the time when they make the order, that resumption of winning and working ... to any substantial extent at the site is unlikely..."

Paragraph 4 provides: "(1) An order under paragraph 3 shall not take effect unless it is confirmed by the secretary of state...

"(2) Where a mineral planning authority submit such an order ... the authority shall serve notice ... (a) on any person who is an owner or occupier of any of the land to which the order relates, and (b) on any other person who in their opinion will be affected by it."

Mr Anthony Porten, QC and Mr Robin Green for the council; Mr Richard Drabble for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE that the inspector had found that there had been evidence of renewed interest in the working of the quarry after the making of the order.

The council had submitted, inter alia, that on reliance on the words of paragraph 3(2)(b) the matters to be considered by the secretary of state required determination only of the factual and evidential position at the date when the mineral planning authority made the order.

They made the valid point that if he was not so limited, then any order could be in theory defeated by the landowner taking steps to resume working after the date of the order and before the inquiry or taking steps in that period to establish the likelihood of a resumption of working.

That construction had the approval of Professor Malcolm Grant in his *Urban Planning Law* (1982, p495) and his note in the *Encyclopedia of Planning Law and Practice* (volume 2, release 98: 22-xii-90, para P102.15). At first sight it had some attraction but closer analysis indicated flaws in the construction.

As Mr Justice Macpherson had said: "In reaching his decision [the secretary of state would in my judgment be blinkered were he to be bound to ignore fresh evidence ... of anything which occurred at any time after the date of the order supporting the conclusion that it is probable, or improbable, that quarrying activities will be resumed."

As Mr Drabble said, since the decision of the planning authority under paragraph 3(2)(b) was predictive, it could be confirmed or denied by subsequent events.

He gave the following illustration. It could be that the only market for stone from a quarry was from road works in the area. At the time the authority made their order there was no evidence that any such roadworks were in prospect. Then, in the interval before confirmation of the order, a contract was let for a new Severn Bridge with its ancillary roadworks, for which stone from the quarry would be required.

In those circumstances the secretary of state would be shutting his eyes to reality if he were to hold that resumption of working at the quarry was unlikely.

Since the relevant provisions were silent on the point, his Lordship would not construe them so as to limit the evidence wh[ich] the secretary of state was entitled to consider to matters as they existed at the date of the order unless there were no other tenable construction.

For the reasons which had been set out, the wider construction was not only tenable but might well be necessary to do justice in some cases.

Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Saville agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr G. R. Thomas, Cardiff; Treasury Solicitor.

Jurisdiction of youth court to make secure accommodation order

Liverpool City Council v B

Before Mr Justice Ewbank

[Judgment December 15]

Where a youth had been remanded into the care of a local authority by a youth court sitting outside its boundary, the local youth court had jurisdiction to hear an application by the authority for a secure accommodation order made under section 60 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

Mr Justice Ewbank so stated in the Family Division sitting at Liverpool and allowing an appeal by Liverpool City Council from the refusal by Liverpool Youth Court to hear the application on the ground of lack of jurisdiction. The matter was remitted to Liverpool Youth Court for determination.

Mr William Bellis for the council; the boy did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE EWBANK said that the boy had absconded from a children's home and was most unruly.

Section 60(3) of the 1991 Act provided that in the case of a young person who had been remanded to local authority accommodation by a youth court "any application under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 (use of accommodation restricting liberty) shall ... be made to that court". The youth court had taken the view that "that court" referred to the court making the remand order.

It was clear that section 60 extended the jurisdiction to make secure accommodation orders to the youth court as well as a family proceedings court in cases where a child was remanded into the care of a local authority.

The words "that court" were used in a generic sense and meant a youth court rather than a family court. The application should be made to the appropriate youth court rather than the appropriate family proceedings court.

It was clearly appropriate for Liverpool City Council to make the application to the Liverpool Youth Court and the appeal would be allowed and remitted to that court for determination.

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Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, hears the King of the Kronk's plans for Lennox Lewis

Steward trains his eye on another title

When Lennox Lewis was knocked down by Oliver McCall last September at Wembley Arena, most boxing experts who had serious reservations about Lewis were convinced that he was really no more than just another British heavyweight of the horizontal variety.

They had waited to see whether Lewis could take it on the chin and found that he could not. The future looked bleak for Lewis. What hope for him with men like Mike Tyson and Riddick Bowe around? It would be impossible for Lewis to avoid taking a similar blow from one or both of them.

Yet Emanuel Steward, who became Lewis's trainer after plotting his downfall when training McCall, says Lewis could become the greatest heavyweight since Muhammad Ali.

Such a claim must be part of a huge psychological plan to lift Lewis's spirits, you would think. But when one remembers Steward's achievements and that Cassius Clay looked just as unsteady on his feet after a left hook from Henry Cooper had sent him to the floor 31 years ago at Wembley, it is possible to see that this softly-spoken and serious trainer means what he says. Having been voted the trainer of 1994 by the boxing writers of America, how could he possibly want to become the laughing-stock of 1995?

When one looks at Steward's record, disbelief is put to one side. As director of the Kronk Gym in Detroit, he has been associated with 22 world champions, including Thomas Hearns, Milton McCrory, Mike McCallum, Gerald McClellan, Evander Holyfield, Michael Moorer and Julio César Chávez. His greatest achievements were to revive the career of Dennis Andries and to turn McCall, who was no more than a sparring partner, into a world champion.

He taught Andries and McCall to box. Andries learnt balance and leverage, McCall found technique and self-belief. Typical of Steward's creative thinking was the way in which he turned McCall into a boxer, realising that everyone expected the challenger to have a brawl with Lewis. To achieve this radical change, he made McCall wear white in training instead of his usual black. Black made him fight like Tyson, his former employer. White was the colour associated with Ali. "It worked," Steward said. "It was so simple."

Steward was born to succeed. The son of a West Virginia coalminer, he showed amazing enterprise from an early age. When his parents divorced and his mother, Catherine, moved to Detroit, Emanuel, at 11 the eldest of four children, helped his mother look after his brother, James, and sisters, Diane and Levern. He sold hot tamales on the streets and ice-cream from a bicycle wagon, delivered newspapers, carried groceries for supermarket customers, cut grass, raked leaves and landscaped gardens, all the while boxing in the evenings.

He bought his own car by the age of 15 and by 17 had graduated from Eastern High and was teaching boxing. The same year, he lifted the National Golden Gloves bantamweight title in Chicago. It was his first bout outside Michigan, his first experience of eating in a "nice" restaurant, and his first sniff of the sweet-smelling world of successful people. He joined Detroit Edison as a construction labourer and rose to the position of special projects director in eight years.

Steward left Edison in 1972 to take up full-time coaching at the Kronk and immediately won national acclaim by taking the Detroit team to 21 consecutive Golden Gloves victories without a defeat. By 1974 he was installed in the basement of the Kronk Recreation Centre. "My brother, James, was my first amateur champion. Hilmer Kenty was my first professional champion. And then came Tommy Hearns. The rest is history," Steward said. Hearns went on to win titles at five different weights. Today, at the age of 49, Steward looks no more than a light-welterweight, perhaps, and imparts the quiet confidence of a businessman with a full order book. Apart from a couple of golden highlights on his wrist and fingers, the trappings of success are not immediately obvious. If you did not know him, you would not know that back in Detroit he is one of the city's important personalities.

He has five mansions in the Rosedale Park area, a restaurant, Emanuel Steward's Place, and a fleet of cars to match an oil shaikh's collection. His daughter, Sylvia, is a successful boxing promoter and his other daughter, Sylvette, a film director. "She's going to make the story of Lennox Lewis," Steward said.

Steward is in the process of buying another house two doors away from him for Lewis to stay in when training in Detroit. "Lewis doesn't like staying in hotels and likes his mother to do the cooking. So he will be quite comfortable when he's in Detroit.

"The best place for him is the Kronk Gym. There are good fighters there for him. Milton McCrory and Tommy Hearns are anxious to come down and help me. We are also going to spend time in London. Lennox is the most talented heavyweight but is also the biggest disappointment. When you start struggling with Frank Bruno then credibility goes down the drain. But in three months I will have him like I want him. He fights like my fighters, anyway."

Steward does not see Lewis having any problems with Tyson or Bowe. "Tyson will be the easiest fight for Lewis, a total mismatch, as will George Foreman. Lennox is too good and too big for Tyson. You guys keep forgetting the Mike Tyson that went to prison was not that much of a fighter any more. Everyone keeps remembering the Tyson of his prime. He struggled with Razor Ruddock, throwing one punch at a time. Physically, he's too small. I don't think the fight will go over two rounds.

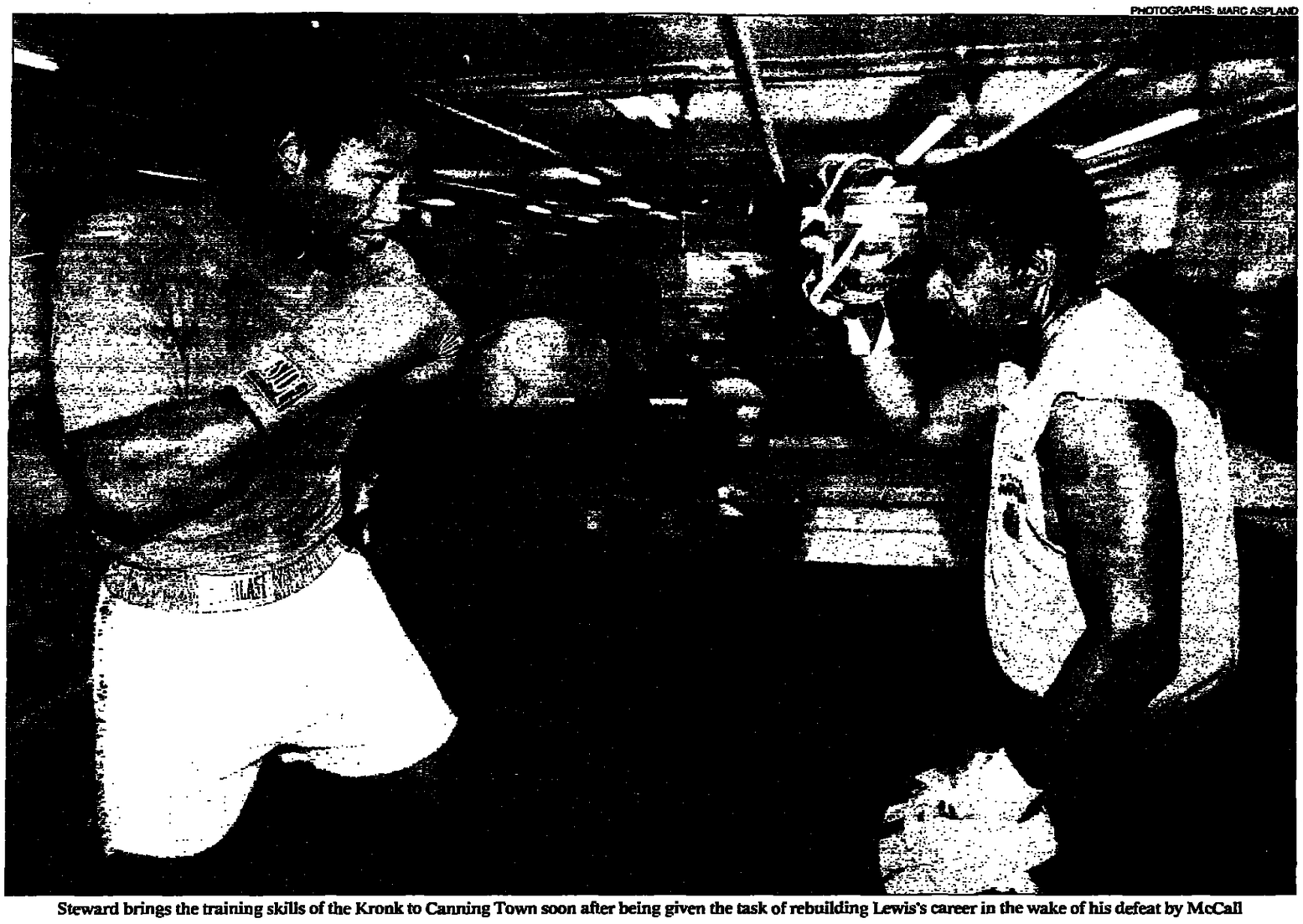
"The best opponent for Lewis is Bowe. He is a good, basic, fundamental kid, not exceptional in any area. At one time he was very focused but he'll never be what he once was. Lennox is two notches above him and will knock him out.

"I am lucky that I have come across a perfect specimen for a heavyweight. That is why I have made so many sacrifices: giving up the opportunity to train Tyson when he comes out, Tucker, McCall and even Holyfield."

Steward says that for too long he had been a "professional hit man", rebuilding boxers. He had always wanted a heavyweight he could stay with and take from one level to the next.

"My idea for Lennox is to make him into a large version of Sugar Ray Robinson, not Ali because Lennox can do things Ali couldn't do. Lennox can box but still has that tremendous raw-boned punching power, so he should be a much more exciting fighter than Ali. Robinson was the fighter I admired most. Lennox can be my Sugar Ray Robinson."

PHOTOGRAPHS: MARC ASPLAND



Steward brings the training skills of the Kronk to Canning Town soon after being given the task of rebuilding Lewis's career in the wake of his defeat by McCall



Steward, left, and Lewis look forward to reclaiming the world heavyweight title

Maloney bids for bout with Butler

BY SRIKUMAR SEN

LENNOX LEWIS was waiting yesterday to hear when his next bout, an eliminator against Lionel Butler, who is ranked No 3 by the World Boxing Council (WBC), would be. It all depended on who won the purse bid in Mexico City late last night.

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, who was in Mexico City to put in the bid for Panix Promotions, the London company behind Lewis, said that if he won, the bout would be staged on May 13, probably in Las Vegas.

But if Don King won the right to stage the contest, he seemed almost certain to put it on the undercard of the bill featuring the WBC title bout between Oliver McCall, the champion, and Larry Holmes, on April 18.

After Lewis lost his unbeaten record last September, when he was stopped in the second round by McCall at Wembley Arena, it has been difficult to sell the beaten champion in the United States. As a result, it is unlikely that Lewis and Butler could head a show on their own at a prominent venue in the United States.

Therefore, if Maloney won the bid he would have to join up with another American promoter, either Main Events, who have been trying to stage a show featuring "fallen heroes" — Lewis, Evander Holyfield and Michael Moorer — or Top Rank, who have the rights to the the next contest of George Foreman.

Butler could prove to be a difficult opponent for Lewis. Though he does not possess the boxing skills of the former champion, he does have a knockout punch. Clearly, American promoters do not have much faith in Lewis's chin and think that Butler has a good chance of winning.

Recently all three leading American promoters claimed to have Butler on their books and the boxer appeared to have signed for all of them. However, in the end, Bob Arum, of Top Rank, and King went to court and Arum won.

Robert McCracken, of Birmingham, should win a Lonsdale Belt outright when he defends his British light-middleweight title against Paul Wesley, also of Birmingham, at the Aston Villa Leisure Centre tonight.

Having beaten Andy Till and Steve Foster without too much trouble in his first two title bouts, McCracken should prove too sharp for the challenger.

Wesley has not boxed for a year, his last opponent being Steve Collins, the World Boxing Organisation middleweight champion, who will meet Chris Eubank next month. He has lost 24 of his 43 contests.

Coaches left floundering by secrecy over top post

An approach to a senior Australian has caused a rift in the swimming world, **Craig Lord** says

The date and venue were set, the good and great called and a £200,000 dowry secured. The reception would be "an historic" occasion — for the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain (ASFGB) had found its Mr Right and was ready to tie the knot with Don Talbot, head of coaching in Australia and the man who would groom future Olympic champions for Britain.

There was, however, one problem: no one had bothered to tell the chief bridesmaid and the best man. Karen Pickering, the first British woman to become a world champion in the pool when she won the short-course 200 metres freestyle title just over a year ago, and Dave Champion, her coach, will not be at the meeting in Sheffield tonight that was called by the federation at the behest of Talbot to help him to decide whether to go beyond being "95 per cent certain" to sign up as the first national performance director.

Neither will they send an apology, but may expect one instead. For they were not invited to join the discussion on Talbot's vision for British swimming. The invitations, headed "do not divulge to the press", were sent to coaches attending the penultimate round of the World Cup, at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, over the weekend. But Pickering was not competing because her winter training programme had been delayed by illness.

Pickering yesterday received an invitation to attend a swimmers' meeting with Talbot on Sunday, but said it had arrived too late. "I can't change other commitments at two days' notice," she said. "I was at the ASA [Amateur Swimming Association] annual dinner last week. No one mentioned this. Since this could affect me greatly, it would have been good to be kept informed."

Champion was not surprised by the snub: "It would have been good to think we were worthy. Maybe we've gone back to the bad old days of blundering inefficiency, secrecy and little help for the people who produce the results. At the end of the day, no one is going to mess up our plans for Atlanta [Olympics] — I don't care if they're God. I'm sure Don would agree."

Indeed, Talbot is likely to have his first stern words with the men who would employ him, with Sports Council funding, over this very matter. Talbot has a reputation as a straight-talking Australian. At 61, he has one of the finest pedigrees in the sport, having led the national programmes of both Canada and Australia with much success. His remuneration for the British job is likely to exceed £60,000.

Tonight, some coaches, while welcoming Talbot, will want to know why the job was never advertised. Positions of youth development officer, facilities consultant and chief executive of the ASA were also among jobs not advertised.

The appointment by a 2-1 vote of David Sparkes, secretary of the federation, as ASA chief executive, caused heated debate at the annual general meeting last weekend. A report by delegates of the British Swimming Coaches Association complained that Sparkes's appointment was presented as a *fait accompli* and that his responsibilities and salary were not revealed.

The report notes that only 30 minutes was spent talking about the future of British swimming. "If this meeting was to signpost the way to the future of swimming, it failed miserably," it said.



Pickering: not attending

Cash enjoys change of fortune

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN DUBAI

IT IS more than two years since Pat Cash last reached the quarter-finals of a leading tennis tournament. Then, he was playing at the Queen's Club in London, one of the most English of venues; last night, in the desert of Dubai, Cash repeated the feat by beating Alberto Costa, of Spain, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

It was not the easiest or the most stylish of victories. It had not rained here since Christmas Day, 1993, but his match drizzled on for nearly six hours after two rain delays, the first of which nearly cost Cash the match.

After serving impressively to take control of the first set, the rain disrupted his rhythm and, once back on court, his first service deserted him. So did the second set. Struggling at 2-0 down in the third, he was saved by the arrival of yet another shower, and he returned to reel off the last four games and go through to the last eight of the Dubai Open.

Victory was proof to Cash that all his hard work has been worthwhile. Most of 1993 was spent recovering from a knee injury, and he then had to undergo back surgery, which kept him away from the courts for most of the 1994 season. "I've got to send notice to these guys that I'm back," Cash, who beat Thomas Muster in the previous round, said. "I have to show them I'm serious about singles, and not just here for the doubles."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PETROLEUM AND SUBMARINE PIPELINES ACT 1975

Notice of Application for a Submarine Pipe-line Works Authorisation

Superior Oil (UK) Ltd hereby gives notice on behalf of itself and Mobil North Sea Limited, Cheftain Exploration (UK) Limited, Chieftain International North Sea Limited and Piet Petroleum plc, in accordance with the provisions of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Act 1975 that it has made an application to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry for the grant of an authorisation for the construction and use of a system of pipe-lines between the Galahad Platform and the Lancelot SSIV/TEE within the Galahad Field Development.

A map (or maps) delineating the route of the proposed pipe-lines and providing certain further information may be inspected free of charge at the places listed in the Schedule to this notice from 10am to 4pm on each weekday from the date that this notice is published until the date mentioned in the next paragraph of this notice.

Pursuant to a direction of the Secretary of State, representations with the respect of the application may be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry at the Oil and Gas Office, Atholl House, 86-88 Guild Street, Aberdeen, AB9 1DR (marked FAO Mr I Forracam, Offshore Pipeline Authorisation) not later than 10 March 1995 and should bear the reference 68/606/Galahad and state the grounds upon which the representations are made.

Dated: 10 February 1995

C.J. Rumsey
(Secretary)
Address: Grampian House
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RE: George Percy Phillips late of Arnwood, Rownhams Lane, Rownhams, Hampshire. Would Mr Frank Day whose last known address was 205 Millbrook Road, Freemantle, Southampton please contact Messrs. Young & Co of Edward House, 1 Baxter Road, Longton, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, ST3 1NZ (reference RJM/0569/04), telephone 01 782 599222 when he may learn something to his advantage.

The Annual General Meeting of The London Playing Fields Society will take place at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 7 MARCH 1995 at the Civil Service Club, 13 Great Scotland Yard, London SW1 for consideration of the Trustees' Report and Accounts and for other purposes provided in the Society's Charter and Bye-Laws.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to S27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified, after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

CHARLESWORTH Thomas Rodwell, of 27 Wordsworth Avenue, Warrington, Cheshire (Physicist), died 14th September 1994. Particulars to: Black, Graf & Co. 14/15 Cottage Crescent, London NW3 5LL for the attention of Gillian Mary Empey by 17th April 1995.

LEGAL NOTICES

WALL STREET LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a licensed insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kendrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 26th January 1995. DATED THIS 26th JANUARY 1995 Peter S Dunn FCA Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

Astor WP Centre Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 24th February 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 of the said Act. A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. DATED THIS 7th February 1995 Freddy Zsloof - Director.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Islamic Trust - 283572
The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for the administration of the Charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Morell Peel & Gamlen, 1 St. Giles', OXFORD OX1 3JR (Ref AE97), or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL quoting reference number HEH-787-CDTI. Comments or representations of these proposals can be made in writing to the Charity Commissioners within one month from the date of this notice. Date: 9 February 1995.

AFTER 14 days from publication of this Notice an Application for Probate of the Will dated 8 January 1961 of GEORGE GEORGOPOULOS late of 86 Inverness Terrace, London, United Kingdom (formerly C/- Mac's Hotel, 304 Pitt Street, Sydney, Australia), Electrical Mechanic, Deceased will be made by Florence Georgopoulos. Creditors are required to send particulars of their claims upon his Estate to MIDDLETONS MOORE & BEVINS, Solicitors, 7 Macquarie Place, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION No 008124 of 1994 IN THE MATTER OF MORAN HOLDINGS PLC and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 1st February 1995 confirming the reduction of the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £2,750,435 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 1st February 1995. DATED this 9th day of February 1995. Theodore Goddard 150 Aldersgate Street London EC1A 4EJ. Solicitors for the above named Company. Ref:570/6965.55

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Wales optimistic after returning to full strength

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE jut of Ieuan Evans's jaw said much for the application that Wales will bring to their five nations' championship match with England in Cardiff on February 18. Evans, the most affable of men, pointed out with a grim satisfaction that his players would be able to defend their title with a full-strength team for the first time this season.

"The ball's in our court," the Llanelli wing, one of five changes to the side beaten by France last month, said yesterday. "It's up to us to perform to our best. We are still five nations' champions and looking forward to playing against England."

By contrast France, beaten 31-10 by England, have made only one change against Scotland in Paris on the same day: Laurent Seigne props instead of Laurent Benezech (who suffered a detached retina at Twickenham) and Olivier Merle, omitted after his head-butt on Ricky Evans, of Wales, joins the replacements.

The game with England will be Evans's 49th international and concludes a remarkable comeback after the ugly ankle injury sustained on October 1 in a club match. He resumes from Simon Hill and reclaims the captaincy (he will lead for the 26th time) from Gareth Llewellyn. He will be joined in the side by Nigel Davies, the Llanelli centre, Mike Griffiths, the Cardiff prop, who takes over from Ricky Evans, and in the back row by Emyr Lewis and Hemi Taylor.

Capping the occasion will be the fiftieth appearance by Robert Jones, who was England's nemesis in 1989. The Swansea scrum half, out of favour during 1993-94, becomes only the third Welshman to reach a half-century of caps, behind J. P. R. Williams and Gareth Edwards, and at 29 is still young enough to surpass the appearances (55 and 53, respectively) of those two legends of Welsh rugby.

Wales played bravely but unsuccessfully against South Africa in November, then made little impression in the 21-9 defeat by France in Paris on the opening day of the championship. In particular, the return of Taylor, who proved his fitness playing for Cardiff in their league win over Treorchy on Wednesday, is seen as significant.

"The only way to stop them [England's big forwards] is by very aggressive gain-line tackling," Alan Davies, the Wales coach, said. But Wales will also seek to impose their own pattern on the game. "England are up there competing with the best," Davies added. "It makes it even more important that we should take the game to them, as we will have to right through this season and up to the World Cup."

Indeed the World Cup may dominate the thinking of the leading rugby powers, but this game, for the Welsh, is special. "We have always said that Welsh rugby needs a vision beyond trying to beat England every year but, in this instance, it would do very nicely," Robert Norster, the manager, said.

"Welsh clubs and players enjoy the opportunity to be measured against the English set-up and this is one of the few occasions now when we can do so." Having said which, one of the recommendations of the Welsh Rugby Union's re-organisation steering group is to manoeuvre its domestic club structure to make room for an Anglo-Welsh league or a European competition.

At the same time, the group seeks to give privileged status (subject to a four-yearly review) to specific clubs — presumably those who have dominated the first division of the Heineken League in recent years — to allow for their expansion as centres of excellence. First division clubs are seen as an important adjunct to the national side and selected clubs would assist the marketing of the game by developing both their facilities and players, with financial assistance from the WRU.

The WRU committee is to ask the International Rugby Football Board to extend compensation for financial disadvantage — at present confined to national-squad duties only — to cover all levels of the game so that anyone who loses money by playing can be compensated. The wheel has come full circle to the broken-time payments which inspired the breakaway of the northern clubs 100 years ago.

TEAMS

WALES (v England): A Clement (Swansea); I Evans (Llanelli, captain), M Hall (Cardiff), N Davies (Llanelli), N Walker (Cardiff); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Jones (Swansea); M Griffiths (Cardiff), G Jenkins (Swansea), J Davies (Neath), H Taylor (Cardiff), D Jones (Cardiff), G Llewellyn (Neath), R Collins (Pontypridd), E Lewis (Cardiff). Replacements: M Back (Bridgend), R Moon (Llanelli), S Davies (Swansea), P Davies (Llanelli), H Williams-Jones (Llanelli), R McBryde (Llanelli).

FRANCE (v Scotland): J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); P Bernat-Salles (Pau), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax), P Saint-André (Montferrand, captain); C Deylaud (Toulouse), G Accoceberry (Bègles-Bordeaux); C Califano (Toulouse), J-M Gonzalez (Bayonne), L Seigne (Brive), A Benazzi (Agen), O Brouzet (Grenoble), O Roumat (Dax), L Cabannes (Racing Club), P Benetton (Agen). Replacements: S Viars (Brive), Y Delaigue (Toulon), A Macabiau (Perpignan), M de Rougemont (Toulon), M Cecillon (Bourgoin), O Merle (Montferrand).

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Evans, in determined mood, returns to lead Wales against England

SPORT IN BRIEF

Players lose chance to win car prizes

PLANS to present Suzuki cars to the six best players at the Indira Gandhi Gold Cup men's hockey tournament were scuppered by the game's governing body yesterday. Phil Appleyard, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) treasurer, said organisers had been told that no awards in cash or kind should be given to individual players.

As well as the cars, worth 450,000 rupees (£9,000), tournament officials were offering colour television sets as man-of-the-match awards. Appleyard said the organisers had been told to convert the gifts into cash to be sent to the national federations of the winners. The national bodies would have the right to use the money as they wished, he said.

In the final group matches yesterday, Australia beat South Africa 3-1 to secure a semi-final against India, the defending champions, and South Korea maintained their 100 per cent record with a 7-3 trouncing of Poland. They will meet Kazakhstan in Saturday's semi-finals.

Sevens counted out

RUGBY UNION: The four Northampton players who trained with England's sevens squad at the weekend have withdrawn (David Hands writes). Nick Beal, Matthew Dawson, Justyn Cassell (all of whom played in the winning world sevens side in 1993) and Harvey Thorneycroft, have declined to make themselves available for the Hong Kong sevens next month because it clashes with the Courage Clubs Championship game against Harlequins.

Northampton are bottom of the first division, with Harlequins one place above them. "We were totally amazed they were selected with all that has gone on with the issue of club and country," Roger Horwood, Northampton's secretary, said. "For England to come along and say we want four of your players is just crazy. It only shows you how much thought has gone into it by the powers-that-be."

Gowers seeks two titles

BADMINTON: Gill Gowers is hoping to deflect her anger at her exclusion from Olympic funding by winning two titles at the Bell Cable Media English national championships starting today at Norwich. Gowers, England's most successful player, was originally left out of the British Olympic squad because she played with foreign partners on the world circuit, but over the next three days she should be one of the front-runners for both the women's and mixed doubles titles. A compromise giving her 50 per cent Olympic funding after she agreed to play with Chris Hunt instead of Michael Sogaard, of Denmark, has still left her upset.

Macleod first in line

ATHLETICS: Karen Macleod has become the first British woman athlete to be pre-selected for the world championships in Gothenburg in August. The 36-year-old Scot will contest the marathon after finishing fourth in the Commonwealth Games race in Victoria last summer. She achieved that despite stumbling into a feeding table, suffering knee and hip damage and losing considerable ground. Macleod's selection follows that of Richard Nerurkar, the leading male British marathon runner, who was fourth at the European Championships in Helsinki. The other choices will be made after the London Marathon.

Williams leaving Didcot

MOTOR RACING: The Williams Formula One racing team is moving to a 28-acre factory-site at Grove, near Wantage, in Oxfordshire. The team has been at its 6½-acre home in Didcot since 1983, but now plans to expand. The switch will take place after the world championship season ends in November. Frank Williams, the Williams team leader, also said yesterday that his decision to spurn Nigel Mansell in favour of the 23-year-old Scot, David Coulthard, could return to haunt him. "One of my nightmares is seeing Nigel destroying everyone all year," he said.

Five return positive tests

ATHLETICS: Five athletes, including the United States discus thrower, Michael Gravelle, and the heptathlete, Gea Johnson, have been suspended after positive drugs tests, the International Amateur Athletic Federation confirmed yesterday. The others are the Jamaican sprinter, Aston Morgan, who is applying for American citizenship, the Lithuanian, Dalia Matuseviciene, and Freddy Fernando Caiza, of Ecuador. All except Morgan were caught in out-of-competition testing and all face possible four-year bans. All five can now request a hearing by their national federations.

Student rugby syllabus needs European lessons



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

Amid the heightening hullabaloo surrounding the five nations' championship, plans are afoot for a competition with a European dimension at university level. We need to tread carefully and emphasise that the idea is far from advanced in case a nose or two gets put out of joint. University sport is as steeped in political intrigue as any other human activity when two or more people happen to congregate.

Tony Rodgers, a quiet and persuasive rugby influence at Cambridge University, has already met Jean Daniel, president of the Paris University Club. Earlier in the season, having won the university match, Cambridge were invited to play PUC in Paris. The game drew a crowd of 5,000 on a wet Friday evening. Cambridge were given a thorough lesson. The germ of the idea grew and nothing less than the future of university rugby in Europe is now on the agenda.

The Oxford and Cambridge Universities' match is only a starting point. It is what this fixture represents and what it might inspire in others that is the crucial issue. For profile, no other college or university fixture can match it.

Loughborough College and St Luke's College, Exeter, have both attempted to follow in the footsteps of the old universities. In part, they have succeeded. Their rugby, some argued, was somewhat better, and a tradition began to develop. Suddenly, with the reorganisation of higher education, the two colleges, whose influence on British sport generally is thought immeasurable, became universities and a famous fixture was allowed to disappear. Although the two colleges might not have managed to emulate Oxford and Cambridge, they must nowadays look on enviously at the profile and finances generated in the University match.

There is a genuine fear that student rugby may be in decline, not in the numbers who play the game but in the value and status attached to it. To this effect, a missive has winged its way from Washington DC. It comes from one of the most distinguished of former players, Andy Mulligan, of Cambridge University, Ireland, Barbarians and British Isles fame in the late 50s, early 60s. He is now resident in Washington but still travels extensively in Europe. He played for PUC, too, with Jean Daniel. He has, you might say confidently, a broad view.

"University rugby may be in danger of being snuffed out," Mulligan says. "The imperatives of competition, the acceptance of semi-professionalism and the re-assertion of club rugby has squeezed university rugby in all of the five nations. There is a need to explore whether a new role can be devised for university rugby in the context of the modern game and, if so, to initiate a feasibility study for the establishment of a five nations' competition at university level.

"Central to the thinking is the profound influence that college football and athletics have had in the development and excellence of American sporting achievement, by providing the nursery from which the best athletes emerge."

The tradition has been strong in Europe, too. PUC has been important in the way that Oxbridge has been, or the Colours match between the two universities in Dublin. The Universities' Athletic Union (UAU) championship has also proved a fertile ground for nurturing talent. These should be, as Mulligan points out, the building blocks upon which the European tournament could emerge.

"But there are vital factors to take into account," he emphasises. "Any competition must dovetail with the rest of the rugby calendar and should complement, not compete with, existing leagues. The support of the rugby unions is essential. At the heart of it all must be the desire that university rugby should seek to occupy the high ground through competition which will offer a creative, innovative and attractive game."

As well as gate receipts and possible television rights, the financing of the venture will be sought through sponsorship, the European Commission and the unions themselves.

If rugby is to avoid the greyness and uniformity into which, at club level, it is in danger of settling; if it is to retain the diversity of personality and background which adds to the game's richness and choice; if it still cherishes the vitality of interest and, in the past, innovative thinking at secondary and higher-education level, then the five nations' university rugby championship might provide the answer. With the ultimate view, perhaps, to include the whole of Europe.

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	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Mayrhofen	10	80	fair	varied	closed	snow	1	9/2
(Light covering of snow on hard base. All 22 lifts open)								
Schladming	45	100	fair	varied	slush	cloud	6	9/2
(Fresh covering of snow above 1400m; 66/75 lifts open)								
Söll	40	90	fair	heavy	fair	snow	4	9/2
(Good conditions on upper slopes, slush on lower slopes)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	150	360	good	heavy	good	snow	-2	9/2
(20cm of fresh powder above 2,000m; 71/82 lifts open)								
Les Arcs	160	365	good	powder	good	cloud	0	9/2
(Great prospects off piste when weather clears)								
Courchevel	145	270	good	powder	fair	snow	-2	9/2
(Fresh snow above 1500m, heavy below. 39/58 lifts open)								
Megève	90	280	good	varied	slush	cloud	2	9/2
(Upper slopes excellent, lower slopes heavy)								
Hevaller 40	100	good	powder	good	fair	3	9/2	
(Excellent off piste skiing in fresh powder)								
Tignes	195	265	good	powder	good	snow	-2	9/2
(Wonderful skiing on fresh snow, visibility poor)								
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	85	320	good	heavy	fair	snow	-2	8/2
(Fresh powder on a hard base; 37/49 lifts open)								
Grindelwald	25	150	good	heavy	slush	rain	4	9/2
(Best skiing above 1500m, lower runs deteriorating)								
Mürren	80	170	good	powder	good	snow	-1	9/2
(Powder off piste after light snowfall, all lifts open)								
Villars	60	230	good	powder	good	cloud	5	9/2
(25cm of fresh powder above 1,800m, heavy below 1,600m)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Flint Town v Conwy.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone v Monaghan (8.0); Bohemians v Galway (8.0); Cobh Ramblers v Cork (8.0).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Victory Shield under-15 international: Wales v England (at Newport AFC, 7.15).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: National championships (Norwich).

BOXING: British light-middleweight championship (12 rounds): Robert McCracken (Birmingham, holder) v Paul Wesley (Birmingham) (Aston Villa Leisure Centre).

HOCKEY: Tour match: Crosfyx v Lomas (Arg) (Chigwell, 8.0).

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Wembley).

TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (Bramhall). LTA women's satellite tournament (Sheffield).

Wasim's level best wrecks Zimbabwe

INSPIRED by a five-wicket haul from Wasim Akram, Pakistan made amends for their humiliating innings defeat in the first Test match to level the series with Zimbabwe yesterday. Their eight-wicket victory was secured with more than two days of the second international in Bulawayo remaining.

Wasim bowled with control and fire on a deteriorating pitch, leaving Mark Dekker with a broken finger and David Houghton with a broken thumb. Dismissing Zimbabwe for 146, Pakistan required a meagre 61 runs to win.

Wasim's achievements were marred, however, by a reprimand from the match referee, Jackie Hendriks, after Quentin Goosen, the umpire, had reported him for snatching back his hat at the end of an over when he had a leg-before appeal against Houghton turned down.

Devastating spells of fast bowling by Wasim either side of lunch turned the match in Pakistan's favour. In the morning, he removed Dekker and Alistair Campbell cheaply. Wasim changed ends after lunch to dismiss Houghton for 25 and Andy Flower for eight, both from questionable leg-before decisions.

At 77 for five, Zimbabwe were still nine runs adrift of their first-innings deficit of 86 and, although Stuart Carlisle made a cultured 46 not out, they never fully recovered.

When Pakistan began their second innings, Aamir Sohail launched a fierce onslaught against the Zimbabwe bowlers, with Brain conceding 22 runs in his first over. When Aamir was caught on the boundary for 46, Rashid Latif and Elahi saw Pakistan home to set up an intriguing third and deciding Test in Harare.

ZIMBABWE: First Innings 174 (A D R Campbell 80).

Second Innings

M H Dekker c Sohail b Wasim	9
G W Flower b Manzoor	22
A D R Campbell c Shakeel b Wasim	0
D L Houghton lbw b Wasim	25
*†A Flower lbw b Wasim	8
G J Whittall c sub b Amir	5
S Carlisle not out	46
P A Strang c Sohail b Kabir	3
H H Streak c Manzoor b Kabir	11
D H Brain b Kabir	0
B Strang lbw b Wasim	0
Extras (lb 6, nb 11)	17
Total	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-16, 3-56, 4-73, 5-77, 6-93, 7-108, 8-145, 9-145.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 22.3-7-43-5; Amir Nazir 11-1-39-1; Manzoor Elahi 14-6-32-1, Kabir Khan 17-3-28-3.

PAKISTAN: First Innings 260 (Ijaz Ahmed 76; Streak 5-70, B Strang 4-44).

Second Innings

Aamir Sohail c Campbell b B Strang	46
Shakeel Ahmed lbw b B Strang	7
†Rashid Latif not out	1
Manzoor Elahi not out	1
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 3)	6
Total (2 wkts)	61

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-60.

Bowling: Streak 6-1-1-0, Brain 2-0-35-0, B Strang 3.4-2-6-2.

Umpires: B C Cooray (Sri Lanka) and Q Goosen (Zimbabwe).

Previous result: First Test (Harare): Zimbabwe won by six innings and 94 runs.

Match to come: Third Test: Harare, Feb 15 to 20.

Ian Healy, the Australia wicketkeeper, suffered a broken nose after allegedly being attacked by two England supporters outside a Perth hotel. He needed hospital treatment, but his place on the tour of New Zealand, which starts next week, is not threatened.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Leopards 86 (Brown 27, Youngblood 21, Miller 14) Thames Valley 80 (Holley 23, Bucknall 18, Scantlebury 14)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 111 New Jersey 88; Boston 75 Cleveland 67, Detroit 78 Charlotte 106; Indiana 77 New York 96, Miami 111 Washington 107, Orlando 110 Dallas 92; Milwaukee 100 Minnesota 93, Utah 104 Phoenix 108, Portland 116 Chicago 103, LA Lakers 115 San Antonio 99, Sacramento 86 Houston 97

EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Group A: PAOK Salonika 80 Panathinaikos 70

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (second day of four): Brisbane: Queensland 400-8 dec (M Love 98, A Border 94). New South Wales 156 and 94-0.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

EUROPEAN SUPER CUP: Second leg: AC Milan 2 Arsenal 0 (agg 2-0)

FA CUP: Fourth-round replays: Chelsea 1 Millwall 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90 min; Millwall won 5-4 on pens); Southampton 6 Luton 0, Wolverhampton 1 Sheffield Wednesday 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90 min; Wolverhampton won 4-3 on pens)

REVISED FIFTH-ROUND DRAW: Everton v Norwich City; Liverpool v Wimbledon; Manchester United v Leeds United, Newcastle United v Manchester City; Queens Park Rangers v Millwall, Tottenham Hotspur v Southampton, Watford v Crystal Palace, Wolverhampton Wanderers v Leicester City. *Ties to be played Feb 18 and 19*

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Postponed: First division: Airdrie v Clydebank. Third division: Albion v Montrose

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Winsford 5 Hyde 1

DIADORA LEAGUE: Third division: Postponed: Colter Row v Harefield.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardiff 5 Maesteg Park 0 League Cup: Third round, second leg: Postponed: Llansantffraid v Bangor City.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Omagh 0 Cliftonville 0

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round: St James's Gate 1 Fanad 0 First round replays: Limerick 0 Bohemians 2

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich 4 Millwall 0. Postponed: Oxford Utd v Brighton; Wimbledon v Watford. Second division: Bournemouth 4 Torquay 1; Cardiff 3 Bath 1; Plymouth 4 Cheltenham 0; Swansea 3 Exeter 2. Postponed: Birmingham v Yeovil.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Boston Wanderers 4 Aston Villa 3; Nottingham Forest 0 Sheffield United 1; Sunderland 3 Manchester United 2; Tranmere Rovers 1 Notts County 1, West Bromwich Albion 3 Blackburn Rovers 1. Second division: Bradford 2 Blackpool 1; Burnley 0 Port Vale 0; Huddersfield 0 York 2, Hull 0 Manchester City 0; Middlesbrough 1 Oldham 2

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cup: Third-round replay: Penrith 4 Holker Old Boys 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Tottenham Hotspur 1 Southend 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Bideford v Elmore

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Postponed: Shifnal v Barwell, Stapenhill v Boldmere St M.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Cowes Sports v AFC Totton; Downton v Swanage and Herston

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Harlam 0 Liversedge 3

UNIFILLA FIRST DIVISION CUP: Second round replay: Carnerton 2 Warrington 0

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury 4 Corinthian 1

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Northumberland 8 North Yorkshire 0. English Schools' Full Film Trophy: Sixth round: South Tyneside 1 Langbaurgh 1. FA SNICKERS TROPHY: Under 19: Shrewsbury 1 Preston Coll 5

SPANISH CUP: Third round, first leg: Athletic Bilbao 4 Real Betis 0, Toledo 1 Real Mallorca 1, Palamos 0 Rayo Vallacano 1; Albacete 2 Real Zaragoza 1; Sporting Gijón 1 Badajoz 1; Lerida 0 Deportivo Coruna 3

FRENCH LEAGUE: Rennes 1 Nantes 1, Paris Saint-Germain 3 Bastia 0, Caen 0 Lyon 1; Auxerre 3 Cannes 0, Bordeaux 0 Le Havre 1, Martigues 0 Strasbourg 0; St Etienne 1, Lens 2; Lille 1 Metz 0; Montpellier 1 Sochaux 0. Tuesday: Nice 3 Monaco 1

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Greece 1 Romania 0 (in Tsaloufrides)

FREESTYLE SKIING

MEIRINGEN-HASLIBERG, Switzerland: World Cup: Moguls: Men: 1, E Grospiron (Fr) 27.15pts. 2, S Shupletsov (Russ) 26.29; 3, J Gregoire (Fr) 26.15. Women: 1, T Mittermayer (Ger) 25.22, 2, A Cattelin (Fr) 25.03; 3, J Eckolt (Swe) 24.46. World Cup standings: Men: 1, Shupletsov 500pts, 2, Grospiron 488; 3, J-L Brossard (Can) 448. Women: 1, R Monod (Fr) 484; 2, Mittermayer 476, 3, D Weinbrecht (US) 464

GOLF

GRAN CANARIA: Men's tournament: Early first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated) 69: P Walton, P Eales, S Ballesteros (Sp) 69: J Spence, R Karlsson (Swe), 70: P Simpson, S Struver (Ger), 71: D Rey, * O Sánchez (Sp), P Curry, G Brand Jr, P Baker, 72: A Sorensen (Den), L White, G Ryall, A Forsbrand (Swe), M Anchor, S Tinning (Den), D Clarke, M Besancenay (Fr), P Lawrie, S Cage, S Luna (Sp), E Darcy, M Martin (Sp) 73: O Karlsson (Swe), S Richardson, J Quiros (Sp), A Sherborne, P Price, R Burns, M Litton, C Quevedo (Sp), R McFarlane.

* denotes amateur

ADELAIDE: Men's tournament: First-round scores (Australia unless stated): 67: M Long (NZ), D Diaz, 68: W Smith, J O Keefe (US), T Elliott, C Gray, 69: D Armstrong, D Capaldo, R Stephens, 70: A Painter, D Cole, P Moss (US), 71: M Colandos (US), D Galloway, D Iwasaki-Smith, S Leaney, M Allen, G Moorhead (NC), P Brew, B King, G Chalmers, O Moore, T Price, R Backwell.

HOCKEY

DELHI: Indira Gandhi Gold Cup: Group B: South Korea 7 Poland 3, Australia 3 South Africa 1

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
India	3	2	1	—	9	3	5
Kazakhstan	3	2	—	1	5	8	4
England	3	—	2	1	2	3	2
Malaysia	3	—	1	2	4	6	1

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	3	3	—	—	14	7	6
Australia	3	2	—	1	9	4	4
South Africa	3	—	1	2	6	9	1
Poland	3	—	1	2	5	14	1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford 2 Quebec 3, NY Rangers 5 Washington 4; Ottawa 2 Montreal 4, Toronto 3 Dallas 3 (OT); Edmonton 3 Winnipeg 3 (OT)

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE. *First division:*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bridgend	17	14	0	3	466	206	28
Pontypridd	17	14	0	3	419	169	28
Neath	17	10	2	5	281	280	22
Bridgend	17	10	1	6	383	325	21
Swansea	16	9	0	7	357	277	18
Llanelli	17	8	0	9	333	297	14
Treorchy	16	7	0	9	308	238	14
Newbridge	17	7	0	10	224	318	14
Dunvant	16	5	1	10	208	354	11
Abertillery	17	5	0	12	260	455	10
Newport	16	5	0	11	238	333	10
Pontypool	17	4	0	13	232	437	8

SECOND DIVISION: South Wales Police 11 Cross Keys 0, Penarth 5 Abercynon 11.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Fulneck 0 Rishworth 22

TENNIS

SAN JOSE: Men's tournament (US unless stated): First round: N Pereira (Ven) bt A O'Brien 7-5, 6-4; B MacPhie bt M Filippini (Uru) 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; J Courier bt S Campbell 6-2, 6-4; A Jarryd (Swe) bt L Maltar (Br) 6-4, 6-2. Second round: M Cheng bt J Stark 7-5, 6-4; M Washington bt L Rehmann (Ger) 6-2, 6-2

CHICAGO: Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: D Graham bt E Reinach (SA) 6-2, 6-3; P Shriver (US) bt L Harvey-Wild 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. Second round: A Frazier bt M Wardel-Wimeyer (US) 6-3, 6-4; L Courtois (Bel) bt L McNeil (US) 7-6, 6-0; Z Garrison-Jackson bt M Verlso 6-2, 6-4; G Sabatini (Arg) bt M Kochta (Ger) 6-3, 6-3

MARSEILLE: Men's tournament: First round: D Vacek (Cz) bt M Damm (Cz) 2-6, 7-6, 7-5; S Dosedel (Cz) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 7-6, 6-0; J Hlasek (Switz) bt L Jonsson (Swe) 7-5, 6-2. Second round: J Renzenbrink (Ger) bt C U Steeb (Ger) 5-7, 7-6, 6-4.

SKI JUMPING

LILLEHAMMER: World Cup meeting: Large hill: 1, A Goldberger (Austria) 272.5pts (134-128.5m); 2, T Okabe (Japan) 254.9 (121.5-131.5); 3, R Cecon (It) 242.9 (120.5-126); 4, J Weisflog (Ger) 242.1 (125-119.5); 5, A Peiku Nikkola (Fin) 235.1 (123.5-116); 6, B Reuteler (Switz) 226.3 (120-118.5). World Cup standings: 1, Goldberger 1,171pts, 2, J Ahonen (Fin) 769; 3, K Funaki (Japan) 713; 4, Cecon 700; 5, J Soininen (Fin) 606, 6, Weisflog 583.

WORD-WATCHING

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PALSA

(c) A mound or ridge of peat covered with vegetation and containing a core of frozen peat or mineral soil in which are numerous ice lenses, occuring in subarctic regions (usually in bogs). From the Swedish *palse*, introduced as a technical term in 1910.

PUNGLE

(c) US colloquialism, to contribute, hand over, or pay, from the Spanish *póngale* put it down, from *poner* to put or give. Mark Twain, *Huckleberry Finn*, 1844: "I'll ask him: and I'll make him pungle, too, or I'll know the reason why."

RICORDO

(a) A copy made by a painter of a composition by another painter; also a token of remembrance, a memento or souvenir. From the Italian *ricordo*, literally memory. "This much disputed, and admittedly unusual, drawing may in fact be Rembrandt's ricordo of a composition by another, earlier, artist."

OSOTOGARI

(b) The name of a throw in Judo, made by pulling the opponent's sleeve and the first leg throw. From the Japanese *o* grand + *soto* outside + *gari* from *hari* to mow or reap. "Should you anticipate your opponent's attempted osotogari then just at the moment when he is contemplating the reaping action with his right leg swiftly pull him near you to counter."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Rxd3!; 2 Rxd3 e2 and wins.

Garrison Savannah heads Pitman's haul

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

GARRISON SAVANNAH, the equine love of Jenny Pitman's life, yesterday spearheaded a 1,111-1 four-timer for the Upper Lambourn trainer and is now 16-1 joint third favourite for the Martell Grand National.

Despite his advancing years, the 1991 *Cheltenham* Gold Cup winner still relishes a battle and after touching down over the final fence in the Racing In Wessex Chase at **Wincanton** alongside Young Hustler, it was the 12-year-old who found a better turn of foot to score by two lengths.

"He will kill me this horse; he will give me a heart attack one day. *I* have never spent 7,500 guineas more wisely," Mrs Pitman said. "For him to win over two miles five furlongs round here on this *ground is unbelievable.* In our wildest *dreams* you could not ask for a better servant."

"Garry," as he is known in the Pitman yard, may return to Wincanton in a *fortnight's* time for the Jim Ford Chase as he prepares for Aintree where he has been allotted 9st 4lb. In 1991 he finished runner-up behind Seagram in the Grand National, having touched down four lengths clear after the final fence.

Esha Ness, who "won" the void Grand National two years ago, is another of Mrs Pitman's six intended Aintree runners and although beaten a distance in third place he plugged on gamely in only his second race in the past two seasons. John White, who partnered the horse in the 1993 Aintree fiasco, is training in Ireland but resumed his riding partnership with the 12-year-old and commented: "He gave me a good feel and I was pleased enough with him."

Garrison Savannah's success completed a remarkable 90 minutes for Mrs Pitman which began when Gilpa Valu justified 15-8 favouritism in the 16-runner Equitable House Investments Novices' Handicap Chase at **Huntingdon**.

The six-year-old owes his name to a brand of dog food made by a company run by the horse's owner. "It's a constant reminder if he doesn't do well where he will end up," Nina Thesiger joked, "although I hasten to add we don't use horse meat or any red meat in our dog foods."

Despite an unsuitably slow early pace, Nahthen Lad brushed aside the challenges of Roberty Lea and Deduce to land the Sidney Banks Memorial Novices' Hurdle and keep the Pitman bandwagon rolling. "We think this is a nice horse but he is still a pup; it's all so new to him. He has all the qualities but has not figured out how to put them together. When he does, he will be very good," Mark Pitman, assistant to his mother, added.

Back at Wincanton ten minutes later and Jibber The Kibber at last justified his tall home reputation by springing a 16-1 shock in the Premiere National Hunt Auction Novices' Hurdle — and so set the stage for Garrison Savannah.

Peter O'Sullevan, the distinguished BBC commentator, is *not a frequent visitor to Huntingdon* but his presence there yesterday was a hint in itself to punters as Amigos, owned jointly with the Marquesa de Moratalla, lined up for the Long Stanton Handicap Hurdle. Backed down to 6-4 favouritism, defeat was never in prospect as Eddie Callaghan rode a smart waiting race from the front to beat Salwan by 12 lengths.

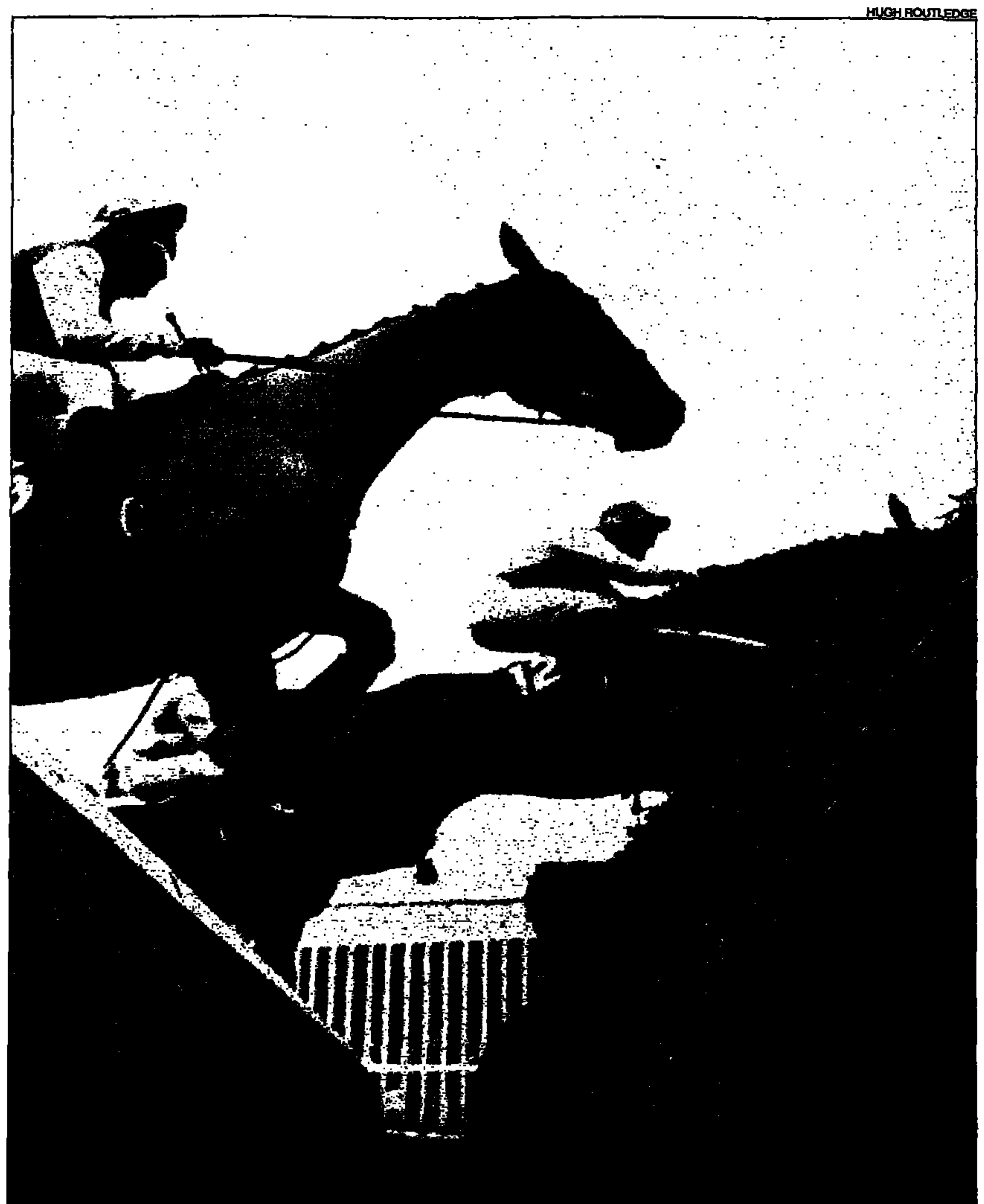
"He never coped with soft ground as a young horse and when you think that on *February 18, 1992 he met Salwan at* levels and was beaten 30 lengths it is an enormous turnaround," O'Sullevan said. Having missed The Ladbroke and the Lanzarote Hurdle due to coughing, Amigos will now be aimed at the Imperial Cup at Sandown.

The Amigos victory completed a famous press room double at the Fenland course for half an hour earlier Northern Saddler, owned by a syndicate which includes four racing journalists, recorded the tenth success of his career in the Farcet Fen Chase.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BIG MATT
(3.00 Newbury)
Next best: Second Call
(4.00 Newbury)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Gilpa Valu, far side, clears the ditch ahead of Dennington at Huntingdon to start the Pitman bandwagon rolling

John Burke dies aged 41

JOHN BURKE, the last man to ride the Cheltenham Gold Cup and Grand National winners in the same year, has died, aged 41. He passed away at home after a heart attack.

Burke was a successful point-to-point and amateur rider for the champion trainer Fred Rimell at Kinnersley before turning professional at the start of the 1974-75 season. He became first jockey for *Rimell* on the enforced retirement of Ken White in 1976.

When he achieved his Gold Cup-Grand National feat, on Royal Frolic and Rag Trade in 1976, he became only the fifth jockey to do so. The other jockeys to complete this notable double are Tim Cullinan (1930), Gerry Wilson (1936), Fred Winter (1962) and Tommy Carberry (1975).

Bob Champion, a weighing room colleague, said: "John was a smashing character who was full of life and a great horseman. He will be sadly missed." Burke rode *Champion's* famous Grand National winner, Aldaniti, in the jumping scenes for the film *Champions*.

Another former Kinnersley jockey, Sam Morshead, who is clerk of the course at Ayr, also paid tribute to Burke's horsemanship. "He was superb with the horses and a very good jockey. He always worked hard and produced the goods when the chips were down," he said.

Burke gave up riding at the end of the 1984-85 season. In recent years Burke had been head lad to the Kinnersley *trainer Simon Christian, who* said he was "shocked and saddened" by his death.

He leaves a wife, Lynn, and two children, Kelly and Josh.

Newcomers enter frame as England get set for World Cup

By Christopher Irvine

A DILEMMA over injuries has prompted *Ellery Hanley*, the England coach, to consider three uncapped players for England's final international outing before the rugby league *World Cup* in October.

Hanley is well aware of the international pedigree of Garry Schofield, Paul Newlove and Jason Robinson, who are all injured, so the John Smith's European championship match against France, at Gateshead next Wednesday, is an opportunity for the national coach to cast *his* selection net wider.

At 18 years and four months, Francis Cummins, the Leeds left wing, will become the second youngest player, after *Newlove, to make* a first international appearance. A graduate of the Headingley apprentice scheme, Cummins was cleaning the boots of his fellow professionals until a few months ago.

Both Cummins and Nigel Wright, 21, a newcomer chosen after an inspired loan spell at his former club, Wakefield, were in the Great Britain Under-21 side that was beaten by Australia at Gateshead last November. Money is being raised at Wakefield in an attempt to pay off Wigan, who loaned out Wright four months ago.

Nick Pinkney made an under-21 appearance as a substitute in 1991 against Papua New Guinea. Second-division players who receive senior international recognition are few; in the case of Keighley, even fewer. *But Pinkney, 24*, the Keighley centre, established a new club try-scoring record last year. His 31 tries this season have already *equalled that.*

"It's something that you never expect when playing in the second division, but everything has been going well for myself and the team," he said yesterday.

Injuries to Andrew Farrell, Richard Goddard, Karl Harrison and Richard Russell further curtailed Hanley's selection potential. But Shaun *Edwards* and Bobby Goulding are both fit to contest the scrum half role and Martin Offiah and Gary Connolly also return, as do three *participants from the world sevens*, Denis Betts, Lee Jackson and Chris Joynt.

The rumpus over Offiah's non-appearance in the sevens because of a knee injury continues to rumble on. Maurice Lindsay, chief executive of the Rugby Football League (RFL), has promised a thorough investigation into the circumstances of the player's withdrawal and subsequent appearance in the match with Castleford *six* days later.

Meanwhile, the RFL has been pitched into turmoil, with the World Cup looming, after the resignation as public affairs executive of Harry Gration, who is to return to a *broadcasting* career.

Richard Blackmore, Castleford's New Zealand centre, has confirmed that he is leaving at the end of the season, after four years with the club, to join Auckland Warriors. He is the fifth British-based player to be lured to the new Winfield Cup side by John Monie, the former Wigan coach.

Jamie Bloem was reprimanded by an RFL committee after accepting that his newspaper allegations that drug-*taking was rife throughout* the game were "untrue". But the Doncaster full back escaped any further punishment.

Bloem had his two-year ban for drug-taking extended by six months earlier yesterday because he played for Woodlands, a Yorkshire amateur side, at Garforth on January 21, nearly two months after being suspended by the RFL for using anabolic steroids.

SQUAD

D Betts (Wigan), I Butt (Featherstone), M Cassidy (Wigan), P Clarke (Wigan), G Connolly (Wigan), F Cummins (Leeds), S Edwards (Wigan), A Farrell (Sheffield), R Gay (Hull), B Goulding (St Helens), H Howard (Leeds), L Jackson (Sheffield), C Joynt (St Helens), S McCurrie (Widnes), S McNamara (Hull), S Nickle (St Helens), M Offiah (Wigan), N Pinkney (Keighley), D Powell (Sheffield), N Wright (Wakefield).

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

2.00 Barna Boy
2.30 Anzum
3.00 Big Matt
3.30 Duncan
4.00 SECOND CALL (nap)
4.30 Ranzel

Brian Beel: 3.30 Duncan.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield) C — course winner D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

2.00 ALDERMASTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,623: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

101 32611-1 BARNA BOY 31 (D,G,S) (L Wilson) N Henderson 7-11-7 .... M A Fitzgerald [88]
102 1P-3132 AUBURN CASTLE 27 (F,S) (Rashleigh Arms) O Sherwood 6-11-2 .... J Osborne –
103 4/506-PF JUST 43 (S) (Mrs J Sidebottom) Mrs J Sidebottom 9-11-2 .... Mr J Jukes (7) –
104 442P11- MAESTRO PAUL 286 (F,G,S) (H Pelham) J Gifford 9-11-2 .... P Hide –
105 20-1423 JULEIT JONES 57 (BF,S) (J Plackett) P Butler 6-10-11 .... B Powell –
106 8-565P2 MANEREE 46 (G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-10-11 .... A Maguire –

BETTING: 4-7 Barna Boy, 3-1 Maestro Paul, 7-1 Auburn Castle, 10-1 Maneree, 14-1 Juleit Jones, 50-1 Just.

1994: CABOCHON 7-11-8 J Frost (1-6 fav) R Frost 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARNA BOY beat In Truth 5l in novice chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good to soft). AUBURN CASTLE 1¾l 3rd to Burnt Imp in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). JUST poor 2nd when fell last in novice chase won by Vaffinet at Warwick (2m, soft). MAESTRO PAUL beat Surcoat 1¾l in handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, good) April 1994. JULEIT JONES 10¾l 3rd of 12 to G'ime Buzz in novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, soft). MANEREE ½l 3rd of 5 to Island Jewel in handicap hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, soft).
Selection: BARNA BOY

2.30 STROUD GREEN JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £5,215: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

201 11111 ANZUM 34 (CD,G,S) (Old Foresters Pnrs) D Nicholson 11-5 .... A Maguire [88]
202 611 VERYVEL 34 (D,S) (D Lewis) R Simpson 11-5 .... D Gallagher 87
203 13 PAMPERED GUEST 59 (D,G) (J Perriss) K Bailey 11-0 .... N Williamson 71
204 0 KARLINE KA 90 (A Paton) R Dickin 10-9 .... D Meredith –

BETTING: 1-3 Anzum, 4-1 Veryvel, 6-1 Pampered Guest, 33-1 Karline Ka.

1994: MYSILV 4-11-0 A Maguire (1-7 fav) D Nicholson 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANZUM beat Slew Man 6l in 10-runner juvenile hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft). Previously beat Brave Tornado ¾l in the 7-runner grade II TJH Group Summit Junior Hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). VERYVEL beat Plunder Bay 2½l in 8-runner juvenile hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft). PAMPERED GUEST 6½l 3rd of 13 to Mediterraneo in juvenile hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft). KARLINE KA 34l 9th of 14 to Pride Of May in juvenile hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to soft).
Selection: ANZUM

3.00 HAMPSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,533: 2m 1f) (4 runners)

301 2131F-5 BIG MATT 20 (CD,BF,G,S) (R Shaw) N Henderson 7-11-10 .... M A Fitzgerald 90
302 3P-2U11 BOLD CHOICE 62 (F,G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 9-11-5 .... J Frost [88]
303 112P42 DR ROCKET 15 (F,G,S) (The Rocketeers) R Dickin 10-11-4 .... D Meredith (3) 96
304 142-232 MR FELIX 35 (F,G,S) (Felix Rosenstiel's Widow & Son) R Champion 9-10-13 B Powell 92

BETTING: 7-4 Big Matt, 2-1 Dr Rocket, 3-1 Bold Choice, 9-2 Mr Felix.

1994: DIS TRAIN 10-12-0 J Osborne (5-1) S Sherwood 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIG MATT 26l 5th of 7 to Bibendum in handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). Last season beat Front Street 1½l in novice chase over course and distance (heavy). BOLD CHOICE beat Ginger Tristan ½l in handicap chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). DR ROCKET distance 2nd of 6 to Medinas Swan Song in handicap chase at Wincanton (2m, soft). Previously 6½l 4th of 8 to Kibreet in handicap chase at Ascot (2m, good). MR FELIX 14l 2nd of 3 to Duhallow Lodge in handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, heavy).
Selection: BIG MATT

3.30 CHARLES HIGGINS MEMORIAL FOXHUNTERS CUP (Hunter chase: amateurs: £2,346: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

401 503012- GREEN TIMES 289 (B,S) (Major General C Ramsay) N Gaselee 10-12-8 .. W Ramsay 80
402 P2PP- BEE GARDEN 258P (B,CD,G,S) (D Ingle) M Ashton 14-12-6 .... R Armson (7) –
403 1311U5- CARRICKMINES 251 (F,G,S) (L Bowles) L Bowles 10-12-6 .... R Johnson (7) [88]
404 44101- DUNCAN 267 (CD,F,G,S) (C Saunders) Miss C Saunders 10-12-6 .... B Pollock (7) 89
405 1U2/6 FOREST RANGER 6P (F,G,S) (B Robinson) L Parker 13-12-6 .... M Harris (7) –
406 3312- COOL RELATION 293 (F,G,S) (D Caro) D Caro 9-12-2 .... A Phillips (7) 82
407 215P/ SWEATSHIRT 880P (S) (S Pike) S Pike 10-12-2 .... M Felton (5) –
408 2/112/4- FIT FOR FIRING 363 (D,F,G,S) (W Smith) W Smith 11-12-1 .... T McCarthy (7) 90
409 FFF/2 THE JOGGER 6P (B) (Mrs S Adams) E Retter 10-11-11 .... A Farrant (5) –

BETTING: 9-4 Duncan, 3-1 Cool Relation, 9-2 Green Times, 7-1 Carrickmines, 10-1 The Jogger, 12-1 Sweatshirt, 16-1 Fit For Firing, 20-1 Bee Garden, Forest Ranger.

1994: DUNCAN 9-11-13 B Pollock (7-2) Miss C Saunders 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREEN TIMES 2½l 2nd of 27 to Fane Banks in handicap chase at Punchestown (3m 1f, yielding). DUNCAN beat Celtic Leisure 3l in amateurs hunter chase at Uttoxeter (2m 6f, good to firm). COOL RELATION 12l 2nd of 16 to Heron's Rock in amateurs novice hunter chase at Worcester (2m 7f, good). FIT FOR FIRING 39l 4th of 7 to Bishops Island in handicap chase here (3m 2f 110yd, soft) February 1994. THE JOGGER 10l 2nd to Faithful Star in open at Wadebridge (3m, good to soft) with FOREST RANGER (9lb worse off) 30l 6th.
Selection: DUNCAN (nap)

4.00 CRICKLADE HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,952: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

501 2- HENRYK 312 (S) (Mrs J Sidebottom) Mrs J Sidebottom 11-12-0 Mr J Jukes (7) –
502 20-FRUP RIVA 34 (F,S) (A Hussein) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-12 .... R Greene 90
503 FF4-112 SECOND CALL 45 (BF,F,S) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 6-11-7 .... R Farrant 94
504 0P-62PP SENDAI 34 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Tuinelt) J Gifford 9-11-5 .... P Hide [88]
505 /040-12 STAR PLAYER 65 (G,S) (P Smith) R Baker 9-11-0 .... M A Fitzgerald 90
506 13-3150 GOOGLY 27 (B,S) (Ms M Hocan) J White 6-10-7 .... A Maguire 97
507 /0316 RAAHIN 4 (F,G,S) (R Atkins) S Woodman 10-10-0 .... S McNeill 89

Long handicap: Raahin 9-7

BETTING: 11-10 Second Call, 7-2 Sendai, 4-1 Star Player, 7-1 Googly, 8-1 Riva, 25-1 Raahin, 50-1 Henryk.

1994: MANEREE 7-10-11 R Campbell (2-1) N Callaghan 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

HENRYK 15l 2nd of 14 to Rampallion in hunter chase at Hereford (2m 3f, soft) April 1994. RIVA pulled up behind Miracle Man in 24-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 100yd, soft) with SENDAI (2lb better off) pulled up. SECOND CALL ½l 2nd of 8 to Nick The Beak in handicap hurdle at *Kempton (2m 5f, soft). SENDAI best recent effort* 1l 2nd of 9 to Kytton Castle in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to soft). STAR PLAYER ¾l 2nd of 5 to Overlord in handicap hurdle at Haydock (3m 4f, soft). GOOGLY best effort this term beat Zealous Kitten 4l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, good to soft). RAAHIN beat Hobbs 3½l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at *Fontwell (2m 6f, good)* penultimate start.
Selection: GOOGLY

4.30 FEBRUARY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,418: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

601 123-0F3 *NO NEAR MISS 48 (S) (The Radio Three) D Elsworth 5-12-0* .... L Aspell (7) 80
602 40-2P25 LYME GOLD 23 (B,BF) (H Chamberlain) O Sherwood 6-11-10 .... J Osborne 85
603 2-26U TICKERTY'S GIFT 30 (V) (K Higson) G L Moore 5-11-7 .... M A Fitzgerald 84
604 4350P0- DRESS DANCE 102F (Mrs J Powell) N Mitchell 5-11-1 .... Miss S Mitchell (7) –
605 4-U12PP FLAPJACK LAD 34 (D,S) (T Ounsley) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-13 .... T Jenks 95
606 3630-0F LODESTONE LAD 43 (Mrs D Weaver) R Dickin 5-10-10 .... D Meredith (3) [88]
607 4425 MUNTAR 30 (BF) (One Over Eight Pnrs) G Harwood 4-10-10 .... M Perrett 96
608 364 RANZEL 43 (B) (Mrs A Leat) Mrs D Haine 5-10-9 .... J F Titley 88
609 0S4-532 *CAPTAIN BERT 32 (D Andrews) B De Haan 6-10-4* .... *I Lawrence* 91
610 0-5P2 MENDIP SON 29 (Mrs B Davis) J Pritch-Hayes 5-10-4 .... A Maguire 92
611 0-604F1 PHROSE 32 (B,D,S) (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 5-10-3 .... Peter Hobbs 98
612 1UF0-P6 BALLY PARSON 51 (G) (G Hubby) R Dickin 9-10-2 .... R Bellamy 92
613 63-P640 ABAVARD 15 (S) (B King) A Forte 6-10-2 .... A P McCoy (3) 92
614 02004/P KENNETT SQUARE 43 (Lady Mays-Smith) Lady Mays-Smith 6-10-0 J A McCarthy –
615 404P-04 MARINERS COVE 35 (R Cawthorn) R Dickin 7-10-0 .... W Marston 84

Long handicap: Kennett Square 9-10, Mariners Cove 9-4.

BETTING: 4-1 Lyme Gold, 5-1 Phrose, 6-1 Mendip Son, 7-1 Muntar, 8-1 Flapjack Lad, Captain Bert, 10-1 Ranzel, 12-1 others

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

LYME GOLD best effort this term 5l 2nd of 12 to Bimsey in novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, heavy). LODESTONE LAD fell 3rd. FLAPJACK LAD best recent effort 20l 2nd of 8 to Mr Knitwit in novice handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 4f, good). MUNTAR 2½l 2nd of 11 to Sophie May in juvenile hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, soft) penultimate start. CAPTAIN BERT 10l 2nd of 8 to Reeshloch in novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). MENDIP SON 2½l 2nd of 19 to Nordic Crown in claiming novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). PHROSE beat Spanish Refuge 13l in 10-runner novice handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). BALLY PARSON 23½l 6th of 12 to Sublime Fellow in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good). ABAVARD 13½l 4th of 9 to Spring Saint in novice handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy).
Selection: FLAPJACK LAD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Miss C Saunders	3	4	75.0	P Holley	17	70	24.3
O Sherwood	22	81	27.2	J Osborne	40	168	23.8
G Harwood	5	20	25.0	J A McCarthy	3	13	23.1
D Elsworth	18	79	22.8	A Maguire	15	97	15.5
D Nicholson	25	110	22.7	S McNeill	9	58	15.5
N Henderson	26	118	22.0	N Williamson	5	38	13.2

Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 4.30 Lyme Gold, Ranzel, Tickerty's Gift. SOUTHWELL: 2.10 Binlaboon 2.40 The Real Whizzbang 3.10 King Of Show 4.10 Star Information.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.10 Cliburnel News. 2.40 Broughtons Turmoil. 3.10 Anjou. 3.40 Posted Abroad. 4.10 Presto Boy. 4.40 Jolis Absent.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 PORTEND.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 RAD (nap). 3.40 Posted Abroad. 4.10 Presto Boy.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 SEA GOAT CLAIMING STAKES (£2,537: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1 (3) 0- BINLABOON 22J (B) K Wingrove 4-8-12 .. J McLaughlin –
2 (4) -011 KILLING TIME 7 (V,C,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-12 M Fenton [88]
3 (1) 00-6 PORT SUNLIGHT 15 (F,S) P Evans 7-8-12 .... A Clark 88
4 (7) -233 CLIBURNEL NEWS 8 (BF,CD,F,G) W Muir 5-8-7 J Weaver 97
5 (6) 4-50 *MANOLETE 14 (B) C W C Elsey 4-8-6* .... *N Kennedy* 88
6 (5) 000/ ASPIRANT 272P J Bostock 7-8-4 .... A Mackay –
7 (2) 500- NOT FOR SALE 114 J Wharton 4-7-9 .... J Quinn 85

4-6 Killing Time, 11-4 Cliburnel News, 6-1 Port Sunlight, 10-1 others.

2.40 GREAT BEAR HANDICAP (£3,181: 1m) (12)

1 (8) 1141 ROAR ON TOUR 4 (CD,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0 (6ex) .... R Cochrane 94
2 (4) 03-0 TYRONE FLYER 4 (C,G,S) P McEntee 6-9-10 .... Sarah Thompson (7) 89
3 (1) 3423 PROFIT RELEASE 6 (F) M Johnston 4-9-9 .. T Williams 93
4 (3) -051 RAD 7 (CD,G) S Woods 5-9-8 .... W Woods 96
5 (9) 20/1 BROUGHTONS TURMOIL 11 (CD,G) W Musson 6-9-8 (6ex) D R McCabe (3) [88]
6 (12) 6-00 BRIEF RESPITE 18 (F) E Alston 4-8-12 .... J Quinn –
7 (5) -113 HARRY BROWNE 10 (CD,G) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-7 .... J Weaver 90
8 (2) -050 THE REAL WHIZZBANG 4 (B) P Felgate 4-8-5 .... P McCabe (5) 97
9 (11) 0-05 SCOFFERA 11 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 5-8-0 .... Kim Tinkler 94
10 (7) 040/ SALINGER 35J J Parkes 7-8-0 .... J Fanning –
11 (10) 40-6 NEVER TIME 35 (B) Mrs V Aconley 3-7-12 N Varley (5) 96
12 (6) 0-50 VENTURE FOURTH 21 (B) E Alston 6-7-11 D Wright (3) 98

3-1 Roar On Tour, 7-2 Broughtons Turmoil, Rad, 6-1 Harry Browne, 8-1 others.

3.10 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY MAIDEN STAKES *(£3,741: 7f) (14)*

1 (1) 30-0 KING OF SHOW 10J (B) R Allan 4-9-10 .... J Weaver [88]
2 (10) 0 MINSTER GLORY 18 M W Easterby 4-9-10 .. L Charnock –
3 (12) RORY JOHN 20J S Campion 7-9-10 .... T Ives –
4 (4) 0420 SPANISH STRIPPER 4 M Chapman 4-9-10 .... D R McCabe (3) 81
5 (3) 25-0 TANAH MERAH 23 E Alston 4-9-10 .... J Quinn 88
6 (11) 006- TOVARICH 155 D Nicholls 4-9-10 .... S Whitworth 87
7 (13) 03-6 TWIN CREEKS 11 M Hammond 4-9-10 .... R Cochrane 93
8 (2) 600- LOVELY ME 86 R Johnson Houghton 4-9-5 .. G Duffield 97
9 (7) ANJOU G Wragg 3-8-6 .... L Dettori –
10 (5) CALLONESCY C Brittain 3-8-6 .... B Doyle –
11 (6) MISS JEMMIMA Lord Huntingdon 3-8-1 .... Dale Gibson –
12 (14) 36-3 NITE-OWL DANCER 7 J A Harris 3-8-1 .... J O'Reilly 93
13 (9) NOBLE CANONIRE N Littmoden 3-8-1 .... M Fenton –
14 (8) SILVER RONDO Lord Huntingdon 3-8-1 .... D Harrison –

3-1 Anjou, 9-2 Callonescy, 6-1 Silver Rondo, 7-1 Tanah Merah, 8-1 others.

3.40 LADBROKE ALL WEATHER BOWL SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: 3-Y-O: £3,355: 6f) (6)

1 (4) 1131 PORTEND 7 (CD,G) S Bowring 9-12 (7ex) . C Teague (7) [88]
2 (5) -530 *RUSSIAN HEROINE 7 (F,S) M Johnston 9-7* .. T Williams 90
3 (6) 3-24 BOLD FRONTIER 14 (C,G) K Ivory 9-1 .... C Scally (7) 89
4 (1) 33-1 POSTED ABROAD 16 (D,G) M Prescott 9-0 .. G Duffield 96
5 (2) 3313 PC'S CRUISER 7 (C,BF,G) M Chapman 8-3 .... D R McCabe (3) 94
6 (3) 0-00 TRAVEL OUT 18 Mrs M Reveley 7-7 .. Claire Balding (7) 79

6-4 Portend, 9-4 Posted Abroad, 9-2 Bold Frontier, 6-1 PC'S Cruiser, 10-1 Russian Heroine, 20-1 Travel Out.

4.10 PEACOCK SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,259: 6f) (13)

1 (12) -652 PRESTO BOY 14 (V) M Bell 8-11 .... M Fenton 98
2 (7) -532 SUPERBIT 7 B McMahon 8-11 .... S Sanders (3) 93
3 (6) 86-0 SWEET CHEAP PET 32 (C,D,F,G) J Berry 8-11.. G Carter 95
4 (13) 06-0 BENTEN 32 D Nicholls 8-6 .... G Duffield [88]
5 (5) 00-0 BRANSTON KRISTY 21 C Smith 8-6 .... W Woods 90
6 (10) 2-50 DOWDENCY 21 J Pickering 8-6 .... N Carlisle 94
7 (1) -360 JOYFUL TIMES 14 Mrs N Macauley 8-6 .... Amanda Sanders (7) 90
8 (2) -665 LAWNSWOOD LADY 9 (B) R Hollinshead 8-6 .. L Dettori 97
9 (9) 65 *LOTTIES BID 14 P Felgate 8-6* .... P McCabe (5) 89
10 (8) 3-45 NEEDWOOD NEWT 21 B McMahon 8-6 .... Dale Gibson 93
11 (4) -400 STAR INFORMATION 10 (B) J Moore 8-6 S Drowne (5) 88
12 (3) 000- TAPPEN LADY 144 (V) J Wainwright 8-6 .... L Charnock 90
13 (11) 05- TINKER AMELIA 93 W Muir 8-6 .... J Weaver 92

2-1 Presto Boy, 9-2 Superbit, 5-1 Lawnswood Lady, 7-1 Needwood Newt, 8-1 Dowdency, Tappen Lady, 10-1 Joyful Times, 12-1 others.

4.40 MILKY WAY HANDICAP (£2,537: 2m) (16)

1 (10) 13-6 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 37 (C,G,S) J Hetherton 5-10-0 .... N Carlisle 93
2 (12) 004- EIGHTANDAHALF 204 (F) Mrs V Aconley 6-9-12 .... J Stack (5) 90
3 (13) 00-0 BURES 11 (V,F) M Tompkins 4-9-6 .... S Mulvey (5) 87
4 (3) 41-5 MRS JAWLEYFORD 34 (CD,G) C Smith 7-9-5 W Woods 93
5 (2) 000- DURSHAN 144 (F,G) J Jenkins 6-9-3 .... L Dettori 92
6 (14) 10-0 RISKY TU 11 (C,G) P Kelleway 4-9-2 Adelle Gibbons (7) 89
7 (1) 5-13 WELL AND TRULY 23 (C,D,G) B McMahon 8-3-2 .... J Weaver 94
8 (4) 000- JOLIS ABSENT 23J (F,G,S) M Ryan 5-8-13 .. A Clark 88
9 (16) 5-64 CHARLIE BIGTIME 7 (C,F,G) B McMath 5-8-13 A Mackay 91
10 (15) 033- *MOONSHINE DANCER 10J Mrs M Reveley 5-8-11* .... S Copp (7) 87
11 (7) 0/42 MURPHYS WAY 18 J Eyre 6-8-7 .... T Ives 93
12 (5) 000- POETIC FORM 71J (B,C,G) C Weedon 5-8-6 .... T G McLaughlin (5) –
13 (8) 0-64 BLOWEDIFIKNOW 14 (B,C,G) J Wharton 5-8-1 .. J Quinn 96
14 (11) 0-51 DALLAI 11 (CD,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-1 (4ex) .... Amanda Sanders (7) [88]
15 (9) 040/ HAVE A NIGHTCAP 396J N Littmoden 6-7-12 D Wright (3) –
16 (6) -322 WHO'S THE BEST 7 (F) A Jarvis 5-7-11 .. N Varley (5) 98

9-2 Well And Truly, 5-1 Moonshine Dancer, 6-1 Absalom's Pillar, 7-1 Who's The Best, 8-1 Dallai, Mrs Jawleyford, 10-1 Murphys Way, Jolis Absent, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 17 winners from 54 runners, 31.5%, Lord Huntingdon, 23 from 101, 22.8%; M Ryan, 12 from 58, 20.7%; W Musson, 6 from 29, 20.7%; M Prescott, 22 from 111, 19.8%; M Johnston, 28 from 143, 19.6%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 34 winners from 162 rides, 21.0%; J Weaver, 24 from 143, 16.8%; J McLaughlin, 7 from 42, 16.7%; G Duffield, 29 from 191, 15.2%; R Cochrane, 15 from 110, 13.6%; C Teague, 4 from 33, 12.1%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Wincanton

Going: soft (good to soft in places)

1.40 (2m hdle) 1, Lightening Lad (T Jenks, 11-8 fav); 2, Wee Windy (33-1); 3, J Brand (33-1). 11 ran. 2l, 1¾l. J King. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £3.60, £4.20. DF: £52.60 Trio: £246.40. CSF: £40.90 Tricast: £1,014.00.

2.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, San Fernando (P Hide, 2-1 fav); 2, Rocky Park (6-1); 3, Road To Fame (13-2). 14 ran. 15l, 2l. J Gifford. Tote: £4.50; £2.40, £1.40, £1.90 DF. £22.90. Trio. £12.40. CSF: £14.57.

2.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Landsker Pryde (O Burrows, 20-1); 2, Sandrift (11-4 fav); 3, Bournel (66-1). 20 ran. NR: *Stormy Sunset.* 1¼l, 1l. M Pipe. Tote. £54.00; £10.50, £2.00, £52.80. DF £65.30. Trio: not won (pool of £336.82 carried forward to 4.30 at Newbury today). CSF: £78.14.

3.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Jibber The Kibber (G Bradley, 16-1); 2, Punters Overhead (12-1); 3, Ottowa (7-1). Go Ballistic 9-4 fav (pu). 11 ran. 1½l, 1¾l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote. £14.20; £2.60, £3.70, £2.10. DF. £107.30 Trio: £371.20. CSF £182.01.

3.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Garrison Savannah (G Bradley, 6-1). 2, Young Hustler (10-11 fav); 3, Esha Ness (16-1) 5 ran NR: Smartie Express. 2l, dist. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £5.50; *£2.00, £1.50 DF. £4.50. CSF. £11.61.*

4.10 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Espy (Mr E James, 5-1); 2, Monumental Lad (16-1); 3, Sonotagipsy (25-1) Mighty Frolic 2-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Abbotsham 15l, 10l. C Brooks. Tote £6.90, £2.10, £2.90, £3.30. DF. £39.20. Trio £25.10. CSF: £73.69.

4.40 (2m flat) 1, *Wild West Wind* (J Osborne, 5-1); 2, Charming Girl (9-2); 3, Far East (12-1) Hentor 3-1 fav. 17 ran. NR. Flowing Nk, 8l Miss H Knight. Tote. £4.90; £1.80, £3.30, £3.30. DF £25.80 Trio: £250.00 (part won, pool of £70.44 carried forward to 4.30 at Newbury today). CSF. £30.26.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,434.08 carried forward to Newbury today).

Placepot: £1,507.00.

Quadpot: £61.50 (0.1 winning tickets. *Pool of £74.88 carried forward to Newbury* today).

Huntingdon

Going: good to soft (soft patches in straight)

2.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, It's Not My Fault (Mr J Culloty, 5-1); 2, Five Flags (5-4 fav); 3, *Far Out (13-2). 11 ran. Sh hd, 10l. P Jones.* Tote: £3.60; £1.40, £1.80, £1.90 DF: £5.30. Trio: £5.10. CSF £10.80 Tricast. £36.86.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, Gilpa Valu (W Marston, 15-8 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating). 2, Full Of Oats (25-1); 3, Dennington (16-1); 4, Corly Special (14-1). 16 ran. 3l, 3l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote. £2.90; £1.10, £6.80, £2.20, *£3.20. DF: £49.60. Trio: £398.30 (part won;* pool of £448.88 carried forward to 4.30 at Newbury today). CSF £50.61. Tricast £610.16.

3.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Nahthen Lad (W Marston, 9-4); 2, Deduce (10-1), 3, Roberty Lea (10-11 fav). 6 ran. NR: Jathib. 2½l, ¾l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £2.40 DF £12.60. CSF: £21.20.

3.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Pinecone Peter (M Brennan, 4-1); 2, Major's Law (7-2). 3, Srvijaya (3-1 fav). 12 ran. NR. King William 6l, 8l. O Brennan Tote £4.10, £1.50, £1.90, £1.60. DF £7.20. CSF: £18.57.

4.00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Northern Saddler (I *Lawrence, 15-8 fav; Richard Evans's nap),* 2, Allaal (10-1), 3, Sartorius (2-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 10l. R Hodges. Tote. £2.30; £1.50, £2.40. DF £13.50 CSF: £15.72.

4.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Amigos (E Callaghan, 6-4 fav). 2, Salwan (5-1); 3, Fierce (10-1). 7 ran 12l, 2½l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote £2.70; £2.20, £2.70 DF. £9.00. CSF £10.08.

Placepot: £86.60. Quadpot: £28.90.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.50 (5f) 1, Tenor (Alex Greaves, 14-1), 2, Distant Dynasty (11-2). 3, Tee-Emm (5-1) Tommy Tempest 4-1 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, 2½l. D Nicholls. Tote £13.30; £3.80, £2.40, £1.70. DF. £52.70. Trio: £53.80. CSF: £87.87. Tricast. £411.43.

2.20 (7f) 1, Sweet Supposin (R Cochrane, 15-8); 2, Rocky Waters (11-8 fav), 3, Veloce (6-1) 10 ran. NR. Bold Cyrano. 5l, 1¼l. K McAuliffe. Tote: £2.60; £4.10, £1.00, £3.30. DF: £2.60 CSF £4.86

2.50 (1m 2f) 1, Secret Aly (M Rimmer, 7-2); 2, Birequest (Evens fav), 3, Waldo (7-1) 7 *ran. NR: Our Eddie, Ruby Estate* Hd, 8l. C Brittain. Tote £4.80; £2.30, £1.50. DF. £3.40 Trio. £6.50 CSF £7.77 Tricast: £21.63

3.20 (1m) 1, Montanelli (R Cochrane, 4-1), 2 No Pattern (9-2), 3, Gulf Shaadi (11-4 fav). 6 ran. Nk, 2½l. K McAuliffe. Tote: £5.90; £1.20, £3.90. DF: £40.20. CSF: £19.99

3.50 (7f) 1, Water Hazard (S Sanders, 4-1); 2, Mr Frosty (11-10 fav), 3, Prince Rudolf (9-2). 6 ran. 2½l, 2½l. S Dow. Tote. £5.20; £2.30, £1.10. DF. £2.40. CSF: £8.82

4.20 (1m 4f) 1, Power (B Doyle, 4-1); 2, Dvorak (2-1 fav); 3, Ginger Jim (20-1). 11 ran. 1l, hd. C Brittain. Tote: £5.70; £2.50, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £9.70 CSF: £12.61.

Placepot: £33.00. Quadpot: £249.50 (0.8 winning tickets. Pool of £67.44 carried forward to Newbury today).

Dettori receives three-day suspension

FRANKIE DETTORI, the champion jockey, received a three-day ban at Lingfield Park yesterday for improper use of the whip.

The stewards held an inquiry into Dettori's riding of Birequest, beaten a head by Secret Aly in the Daily Star AWT Challenge Series qualifier. They found that the jockey was in breach of Jockey Club instruction *H9 in that he* used his whip with unreasonable frequency in the final furlong.

As it was Dettori's second offence of the season, he was given a three-day ban, running *from February 18 to 20.*

Clive Brittain, the trainer of Secret Aly, completed a 21-1 double when Power gained a convincing victory in the Buddleia Maiden Stakes. Boxed in behind a wall of horses *entering the straight,* Power squeezed through a gap inside the final furlong to win comfortably by a length.

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Fat Freddie M takes the microphone and goes "right off the meter" when he gets into full stride with his basketball commentaries. Photograph: James Morgan

Fearless Freddie shoots from the lip

Fat Freddie M, it stated on the handout received by this column from Fat Freddie M's agent, is the basketball commentator's basketball commentator: upbeat, knowledgeable, fluent, fearless. He can also be heard on Kiss FM, where he is a DJ.

The column consulted Kiss FM's programme schedule, gleaned that the Fat Freddie M Show — soul, swing, R & B, reggae — is on Fridays from 1am to 4am and opted to catch him within the column's working hours. The agent arranged accreditation at the London Arena in Docklands for the first leg of the National Cup semi-finals featuring London Leopards versus Thames Valley Tigers. Tip-off 7pm.

The column has not previously visited Docklands, though it has friends who have. A futuristic railway takes passengers smoothly and quickly from Bank to Cross Harbour station opposite the Arena.

There is a large entrance with a thinnish crowd trickling through the turnstiles; the column was referred to an altogether smaller entrance marked VIPs, where trade was substantially brisker and Fat Freddie M's agent introduced herself, looked acutely embarrassed, queued for the column's ticket, obtained this and faded from the story.

London Arena's VIP badge admits the bearer to an area that dispenses wall-to-wall hot dogs, tortilla chips and popcorn in cardboard buckets; iced Budweiser and colas.

It is reminiscent of Planet Hollywood with the volume turned down a notch; it is in fact an outpost of Planet Hollywood and the volume increases as the evening progresses.

A week ago the column had seen a film called *Hoop Dreams*: a fascinating, stunningly-well-made, three-hour documentary charting the lives of young basketball players over a period of five years, homing in on the problems of combining life with the burning desire to make it into big-time sport. The column is also an admirer of, and has empathy with, Mr Shaquille O'Neal who is 7ft 3in ... which is actually the correct height for this column's weight. London Arena is rigged to seat 2,400 people, was about half full of impeccably behaved, mainly youthful, well-over-50-per-cent-female spectators.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

The game starts and after a while the cacophony of sound can be broken down into components: pre-programmed theme music from the console (a bespoke keyboard to provide background tunes over which the operator taps in notes that simulate appropriate chants from the punters, the noise of a freelance drummer and a few eager trumpeters among the spectators), the smooth commentary, the cheers of the crowd and an occasional shriek by a woman who looked like a pillar of the Home Counties' mothers' guild. She was actually the girlfriend of the Tigers and England captain, Peter Scantlebury, 6ft 6in.

There is also the chattering of cheerleaders called the Wildcats who wave pom-poms and dance — well, gyrate — during time-outs in Doc Marten ballet shoes.

The team coaches move along the touchlines giving complicated signals to their players, replacing them, miming ecstasy, horror, occasional fury with a referee. They are dressed in slacks and jackets like men in the windows of Simpsons in Piccadilly.

To the delight of most and the shrill wrath of the woman from the Thames Valley, Leopards came with a late burst to win the home leg of the semi-final by six points. The column, having perceived that the commentator was a competent Wolstenholme of a man called Simon Mattick, set out to find Fat Freddie M, who had been the reason for its presence at Docklands.

Fat F is a wannabe basketball voice with no contract; however, many who have heard him hail him as the most charismatic of them all. He is 6ft 4in, weighs 220lb, is 32 years old, comes from Wandsworth, got two O levels, works as youth club team leader and the column's grandson, Tom, who used to go to the club to work out, speaks of him fondly and with respect.

Why "Fat" we asked. It is a name I got when I did basketball commentaries in the States in 1988. FAT stands for Full A Truth.

Were you a player? No. I watched a lot of tapes, am well animated and when I took the microphone I was able to constantly raise the profile of the game, would tell it like it was: "You're playing terrible. They're going to sack you."

Why would they not let you do tonight's commentary? I'm a threat to their jobs. I'm becoming an issue.

We listen to a tape of his commentary. The sound engineer had warned us that he goes right off the meter, and he does, but his fluency, speed of identification and intelligent reading of the game are impressive.

What have been the highlights of your life? Getting married, meeting Shaq O'Neal and shaking hands with Stevie Wonder.

This column believes he will go a long way; and might need a new agent.

RADIO CHOICE

Earnest look at comedy

The Importance of the Importance. *Radio 4, 9.30pm.*

A wit once said of *The Importance of Being Earnest* that if you take away the brilliance, all you are left with is more brilliance. A more humdrum analogy is the one about peeling layers off an onion. *Kaleidoscope*'s anatomy of Wilde's quintessential high comedy made me think more of a house of cards: remove one carelessly and the whole affair comes tumbling down. Luckily, there is no such disaster tonight. Presenter Paul Doust and his panel of actors, directors and critics, including the redoubtable Michael Billington, carefully check the foundations of this magnificent theatrical edifice before removing a wall or two to examine the contents. They include, of course, Lady Bracknell's imperishable handbag.

Music of the Silk Road. *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*

It was not only silk from China, and gold, silver and glass from the Mediterranean that were once carried by camel trains along the East-West trade routes known as the Silk Road. There was a cultural exchange, too, and it is the musical dividends that Sara Nuttall examines in her eight-part series. She begins in Turkey where it comes as a surprise to hear a song from Persia being performed at a wedding. There are more surprises. I expected the Dance of the Whirling Dervishes to sound like the Anatolian equivalent of Khachaturian's "Sabre Dance" — all flashing eyes, teeth, and feet. What we hear is graceful, non-whirling stuff.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright in the Morning **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa L'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including The Amazing Spiderman; and at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel: Psychosonic improvisation from six-piece Prolapse **1.00am** The IFM Rap Show, with Westwood

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Maestro: Musical quiz **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Treasure Island (5/10) **9.00** Listen to the Band: Bolton's Wingates Band under John Hudson **10.00** Alan Titchmarsh: Radio 2 Arts Programme. News of three new theatrical productions **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes: featuring Harry Gold and his Pieces of Eight, recorded at the Stables, Wavendon **1.00** Jon Briggs

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including at **9.40** Video Review; **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport in full **7.35** Alan Green's Sportstalk **9.05** Off Piste: Skiing with Sandy Warr **9.35** Now the Good News **10.05** Stop Press, with John Diamond **10.35** Financial Week **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.15** Off the Shelf. *The Trial of the Virgin* **7.30** Iceman **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** World Ranking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.15** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Iceman **12.46** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *The Trial of the Virgin* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Iceman **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack: Alternative **12.00** News **12.15am** The Essential Qur'an **12.30** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Worldbrief **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Catriona Young. Schubert (Overture: Die Zauberharfe); Bach (Flute Sonata in G minor); **7.30** *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 55 No 3); **8.05** Telemann (Trumpet Concerto in D); Lassus (Madrigal: Ben convenne); Scriabin (Le Poème de l'extase)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Strauss, (Malven; Duett-Concertino; Ruhe, meine Seele! Four Last Songs)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Edward Blakeman. **10.00** *Artist of the Week*: John Williams, guitar. Barrios Mangore (Aconquija; Choro de saudade); **10.10** Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat); Rodrigo (Concierto de Aranjuez); Louise Farrenc (Trio in E minor); Sibelius (Tapiola)
12.00 Voices: Songs from Mahler's song-cycle *Des Knaben Wunderhorn* (r)
1.00pm Chamber Music from Manchester: The Australian Quartet performs Larry Sitsky (String Quartet No 3); Douglas Weiland (String Quartet)
2.00 Schools: The Song Tree: Music Course 1 — The Vanishing Hole **2.15** Together Stories **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner
3.00 Mining the Archive: The first of six programmes celebrating the careers of great musicians through their BBC and other recordings. Gordon Stewart recollects the career of the Russian pianist Tatiana Nikolaeva
4.30 Music of the Silk Road: See Choice
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson on complex music
5.15 In Tune: Including Malcolm Arnold (The Padstow Lifeboat); Handel (Overture: Atalanta); Constant Lambert (The Rio Grande)
7.30 Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, under Andrew Parrott; Neil Jenkins, tenor. The orchestra's first concert at St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, its new residency. Boyce (Overture No 5 in F); Arne (Not on beds of fading flowers; Now Phoebus sinketh in the west, Comus); Abel (Symphony in E flat, Op 7 No 6); **8.15** An Enlightened Decade: Andrew Lyle assesses the achievements of the Orchestra of the Age of the Enlightenment and talks to David Pickard, the general manager, about the future; **8.35** Abel (Cantata: Fair Celia love pretendeth); Handel (Water Music)
9.20 The English Cadence
9.35 Romantic Songs: Joan Rodgers, soprano; Roger Vignoles, piano. A selection of songs by Tchaikovsky, Berg and Schoenberg (r)
10.30 The John Field Nocturnes: No 16 in F; No 18 in E (Daniel Adni, piano)
10.45 Friday Feature: Mouth of a Demagogue, Eyes of a Poet. In a new poem, Simon Armitage investigates the socialist Victor Grayson who won a parliamentary seat in 1907 but disappeared from his home ten years later
11.30-12.30am Midnight Oil

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the hospice movement (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs comments on BBC programmes and policy
10.00-10.30 News; The Lion in the Sand (FM only): The legacy of the missionaries in the Middle East who left the Arabs with a western perspective of Christianity and a European view of the world
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only): Final part of John Bunyan's classic (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Alison Hilliard. Serial: *The Odd Woman*
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme: David Sainsbury talks to Derek Cooper **12.58** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Diary of Samuel Pepys. The last of six episodes dramatised by Neville Smith
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Live from the South Bank Centre. Tim Marlow goes to an exhibition of the French artist Yves Klein
4.45 Short Story: Tea and Dancing, by Ronald Frame. Read by Lynn Farleigh (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: David Stafford explores heritage and leisure issues
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Christopher Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Menzies Campbell MP, Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman; Brian Mawhinney MP, Transport Secretary; Alison Norman, health administrator; and Joyce Quin MP, tackle the issues raised in Handsworth, Birmingham. Jonathan Dimbleby is chairman
8.50 Law in Action: Marcel Berlins reports from South Africa as the country's new constitutional court prepares to start work
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: The Importance of The Importance (r). See Choice **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Initials in the Heart. Final part of the Laurence Whistler serialisation (r)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news. With Jeffrey Holland, Sally Grace, Toby Longworth and special guest Geoff Boyz
11.25 Fourth Column
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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Rothwell seeking cheap day return

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

ROTHWELL Town's players will clamber aboard a coach at 7.30am tomorrow to make a journey to Gateshead that few at the Northamptonshire club could have anticipated when beginning an FA Trophy campaign for the first time in September.

In the light of the decision this season that all Beazer Homes League midland and southern division clubs should play in the Trophy, Rothwell, champions of the United Counties League for the past two seasons and promoted to the Beazer midland division, were denied the option of continuing in the FA Vase.

After beating Wivenhoe and Eastwood Town, and drawing at Aldershot Town but being awarded the tie because their opponents had fielded an ineligible player, Rothwell saw off Newbury Town on Monday in a match postponed four times to line up the second-round trip to meet Vauxhall Conference opposition at the International Stadium.

"It's the biggest game in our history," Jack Murray, the manager, said. He should know. For 20 years, Murray, 38, has been at the hub of the club, first as a player and then, since 1987-88, as the manager. "My only regret is that we could not prepare for the game more professionally by going up there on Friday night. Many of the players had taken time off on Monday to go to Newbury and couldn't afford to do it again.

"Then there is the financial side of the equation. Every penny we pay out we have to raise ourselves at the club. For all that, it's a marvellous club. We're close-knit and there is tremendous camaraderie. We'll be going up there to give a good account of ourselves."

Colin Richardson, the Gateshead manager, will be wary of Rothwell. When he was in charge of the Bridlington Town side that won the Vase in 1993, he came across Rothwell in the fifth round.

"It was our best Vase run," Murray said. "We'd reached the last 16 for the first time and they put us out with a goal in the last minute of extra time after we'd played 105 minutes with ten men.

"Our captain, Adrian Sheerin, was sent off for a foul from which he was later absolved. It was a dreadful refereeing blunder. He gave handball when it was the goalkeeper's hand that touched it." Sheerin, a "five-foot nothing" midfield player, still wears the captain's armband.

Murray, who manages a company building mobile homes in Irthlingborough, is well placed to sense equal anticipation as Rushden and Diamonds head off to play Farnborough Town. Ilkeston Town, also Beazer Homes League newcomers, go to Welling United.

Sammy McIlroy will lead Macclesfield Town, the Conference leaders, to a place he knows well: Hurst Cross, the home of Ashton United, where he was manager for a season.

Dover Athletic, the Vauxhall Conference club, have appointed John Ryan as successor to Chris Kinnear. Ryan, a former manager of Cambridge United, had been in charge at Sittingbourne, the Beazer Homes League club. He will hold the position full time.

Little pins blame on McGhee as deal folds

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRIAN LITTLE, the Aston Villa manager, has strongly criticised his successor at Leicester City, Mark McGhee, after the proposed transfer of Garry Parker to Filbert Street fell through.

Parker, the Villa midfield player, had agreed personal terms with Leicester but Little claims McGhee then asked for details of the transfer — originally believed to be worth £600,000 — to be revised.

Little, who resigned from Leicester before taking over at Villa Park after the dismissal of Ron Atkinson, said yesterday: "It's scandalous and totally out of order. McGhee and I agreed a deal last Friday and that's why I allowed Parker to speak to Leicester.

"Then, yesterday morning, McGhee phoned to say he wanted different terms. I was stunned and find it hard to believe two managers cannot make an agreement that stands."

Parker, who is also attracting the interest of Ipswich Town, said: "I feel like I have been on a fool's errand. I just wish the clubs would get their acts together."

Tim Flowers, the Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper, has withdrawn from the England squad to meet Ireland in Dublin on February 15 after breaking a toe in the FA Carling Premiership match with Leeds United last week.

Crystal Palace have signed the midfield player, Bjorn Enqvist, from Malmö FF, of the Swedish first division. Ron Noades, the Palace chairman, said: "Bjorn is only 17 and a very promising player to add to our already rich seam of young professionals."

Aimless Arsenal take their eye off the greater cause

Simon Barnes sees a passion of purpose and identity burning brightly in Milan

The first leg of the European Super Cup finished 0-0, a not untypical Arsenal scoreline. Fabio Capello, coach of their opponents, AC Milan, was asked if his team were an Italian Arsenal. His denial was uncompromising: "*Assolutamente no!*".

On Wednesday, he made his denial in a still more emphatic form, and without saying a word. Milan beat Arsenal 2-0 to win the trophy with a style, a sense of purpose, and a sense of self-certainty that no English club can match.

It was the sort of game that lifts English footballing people into positive orgies of — the term needs coining, if only for football — xenophilia: love of the foreign, the exotic. Milan showed us the passing, the sureness of touch, the coolness of finishing; above all, the sense of team identity.

Milan are like Arsenal in that they don't win by huge margins, and they don't have a system of stars and spear-carriers. But Milan are utterly unlike any team in the Premiership in the way that they can control a game: the pace and the patterns of football. When you play Milan, Milan set the agenda.

"They are the best team in Europe, or in the world," George Graham, the Arsenal manager said. "We've learnt a lot from them. But we could have given them a better game, though, and I am disappointed."

Arsenal enthusiasts will point to a disallowed goal as the turning point. Had Wright's stabbing shot been allowed to stand, there is no telling what the corporate frenzy of cup-tie football might have achieved.

A result like that, possible but unlikely, would have muddied issues that the actual result made uncompromisingly clear. Capello summed up his team's virtues: "It is in the attitude, in the mentality, something that the older players transfer to the younger. They learn self-sacrifice."

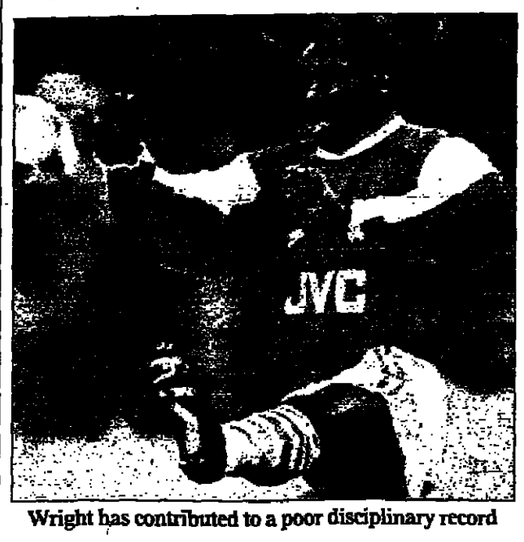
This is nothing less than the cultural transmission of the team's identity. The team has great players, but around each of them, there is the stamp of restraint, almost a sense of anonymity. They are servants of a greater cause.

And strangely enough, this pattern has a very clear precedent in English football. Not in Arsenal, but in the Liverpool of the Eighties, the legend of cultural transmission via the boot-room, the same sense of shared purpose, shared identity.

Arsenal have a tradition all right, but in a season of troubles, it has not given them the help and the solace they require. Problems include investigations into Graham's financial dealing, Merson's alcoholism and, on the pitch, the appalling disciplinary record. Meanwhile, results get worse — one win in the past eight matches.

Arsenal needed this bauble to rescue a sad season. Despite their brave showing, the clear sense of being at least two classes behind Milan will inflict psychological scars at a critical time. An Arsenal supporter, emerging from Milan cathedral, announced: "I've lit two candles — one for George and one for the team." Perhaps not enough.

As for Milan, Capello said that his team were doing all right, but were still two months away from their best. Frightening thought.



Wright has contributed to a poor disciplinary record

Remarkable role model by any other name

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Such a queer enterprise, BBC 1's Heroes and Villains. Three straight biographical dramas about stiff-backed British adventurers (not "heroes" exactly), played by big-name comedy actors, produced expensively, and each week introduced by tootling Miss Marple music played over tinted cigarette cards, à la *Ripping Yarns*. In terms of genre, *Heroes and Villains* was what they call in the media world "a dog's dinner". Yet the result was a small triumph. These were original, well-researched, absorbing stories whose outcomes (for once) were not predictable, and whose doggedly inflexible real-life characters were shown as broadly comic but not ridiculous. *Heroes and Villains* has a decent future, I think — just so long as they change the title and ditch the music, both of which are dire.

Jim Broadbent starred last night as Colonel A.D. ("Mad Jack") Wintle — First World War hero and barking monocled patriot who when asked on *Desert Island Discs* to nominate a luxury, asked for "a jolly good dog whip". Broadbent has done demented toffs before, notably in his own extremely funny short film *A Sense of History*, but here the performance transcended comedy, just as Rowan Atkinson's did last week. While a prisoner of war in France, Wintle went on hunger strike — refusing to eat until his captors demonstrated respect for his rank by smartening themselves up. The scenes of Wintle refusing the ever more tempting food could have been played for laughs, but weren't. He was serious about all this: willing to die if necessary. Once the prison was completely transformed, he ate a good dinner and promptly did his duty as an Englishman and a soldier — ie, he escaped.

Like Lady Hester Stanhope in the first film (Jennifer Saunders) and Sir Henry "Tim" Birkin (Rowan Atkinson), Wintle carried British spunk to the sort of extremes once only dreamt of by old Monty Python sketches. "Weren't you ever afraid?" asked Roy Plomley in the radio studio, talking of the First World War. "No, I was in the cavalry," Wintle explained, shortly. Incensed to find a young soldier dying in hospital, Wintle famously ordered him to stop it at once. "Don't you know it's an offence for a Royal Dragoon to die in bed?" he thundered. "You must stop dying immediately, do you hear? And when you've stopped all this malingering nonsense, get your bloody hair cut."

The great advantage of "heroes" is that they traditionally speak in full sentences, like people in books, thus allowing the ear of the viewer to be pampered for once. Moreover, mad individualists such as Stanhope, Birkin and Wintle are likely to use a richer vocabulary than most. Wintle, as an old man, sat in the studio of *Desert Island Discs*, occasionally banging his walking stick on the table (technicians in headphones yelping out of their seats each time he did it) and dismissing any suggestion of self-pity. Pooh-poohing the injuries he sustained in 1917, when his body was virtually blown apart by a German shell, he said, "Mercifully the horse was unscathed, but I took a bit of a clattering".

Still in the realm of British eccentrics, last night's **Survival** (ITV) was entitled Badger Woman — a rather blunt, uncomplimentary sort of name to give anybody, I would have thought, even when intended kindly. This half-hour film profiled a white-haired Wiltshire conservationist called Eunice Overend, whose relationship with badgers is certainly close, but (alas for the expectant viewer) not mad in the least. Yes, she lets these brocks roam freely inside her caravan and eat icing sugar direct from the bag; but as a responsible and clever person, she also conducts scientific research which may help to save the little critters from the guns of the Min of Ag.

As all fans of *The Archers* are currently aware ("Don't let them kill Stripey, Mr Archer! I'll do anything!"), badgers still shoulder the blame for the transmission of bovine tuberculosis. *Badger Woman* investigated the official research a bit, but taken all in all, it was an odd little film, with sudden digressions into crayfish and shrimps. Eunice is clearly a remarkable person, however. She puts coloured pellets in badger food, and then maps out the animals' territory by stalking their droppings. Not many people would do that.

Next week sees the last **Situation Vacant** (BBC 2), in which the job up for grabs is (amazingly) Assistant Chief Constable. I can hardly wait. In the next series, we will presumably see the selection process for Archbishop of Canterbury — with the board in shirtsleeves and sharp haircuts discussing the candidates after the first-round interview, while the would-be primates shuffle outside, drinking coffee from machines, their mitres under their arms. "How do you think it went?" "Hard to tell. I brought the guitar, but I don't know."

This week's "Superstore Manager", though perhaps the weakest of the series, was still compelling. Neither of the candidates (only two this week) could say honestly that managing a branch of Toys 'R' Us was the job they dreamt of in their cot. Julia, a business studies graduate of 23, was on her 24th job application; Kash, a thwarted retail manager in Coventry (31), was just desperate for a fast lane to some decent money. After interviews and round-table discussions, both were finally offered jobs — which was just where the interesting story started, really. "Kash resigned after his first day at Toys 'R' Us," said the commentary at the end. "He felt the job did not meet his expectations." Blimey. So what did he do after *that*?

BBC1

5.40 Spirit of Islam (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7793039)
6.00 Business Breakfast (50316)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (62318132)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (9263923)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7339132) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine (s) (88815768)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1221958) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (2377300) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (75522590)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (59584)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (82284039) **1.50 Timekeepers**. Quiz show (s) (82288855)
2.15 Holiday. Includes reports from Sri Lanka and the Isles of Scilly (r). (Ceefax) (s) (178381) **2.45 The Flying Doctors**. Australian medical drama series (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6016756)
3.30 Daffy Duck Double Bill (9611126) **3.45 Bitsa** (s) (9609381) **4.00 Jackanory**. Sandi Toksvig with another of her *Tales from the Norse's Mouth* (r) (s) (4589855) **4.10 Rugrats** (s) (4343861) **4.25 The Borrowers** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2634132)
4.55 Newsround Extra. A report on a secret operation to save baby chimps in Africa from being killed for their meat (5731107) **5.05 Grange Hill** (Ceefax) (s) (6513251)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (739652)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (381)
6.30 Regional news magazines (861)
7.00 Wipeout. Game show. (Ceefax) (s) (6126)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes Howard Stableford reports on how a Jewish sect held out against the Romans in a hilltop fort for two years. (Ceefax) (s) (395)
8.00 Only Fools and Horses. Del urges brother Rodney to use his chairmanship of the local residents' association to sort out the lifts in their tower block (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8774)
8.30 Health and Efficiency. Hospital comedy series starring Gary Olsen. (Ceefax) (s) (4381)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4749)
9.30 Dangerfield. *Drama series starring Nigel Le Vaillant as a police surgeon. (Ceefax) (s) (244294)*



Meryl Streep as Lindy Chamberlain (10.20pm)

10.20 FILM: A Cry in the Dark (1988) starring Meryl Streep and Sam Neill. The true story of the mother who was accused of murdering her baby which she claimed had been dragged away by a dingo. Directed by Fred Schepisi. (Ceefax) (s) (429331); **Wales:** All Our Lives 10.50 Film: A Cry in the Dark 12.45am Snooker 1.25-2.35 Film: I Was a Teenage Frankenstein
12.15am Snooker. Quarter-final action from the Benson and Hedges Masters (s) (3500459)
12.55 FILM: I Was a Teenage Frankenstein (1957, colour and b/w) starring Whit Bissell. A descendant of Dr Frankenstein creates a monster from an assortment of human parts in his Los Angeles laboratory. Directed by Herbert L. Strock (9598091)
2.10 Weather (5018430)

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Animal Physiology (8108565) **7.05** Outsiders In — Muslims in Europe (6981720) **7.55** Opening Up Technology (7068855)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7665584)
8.15 The History Man Brian McNerney visits West Stow, a recreated Anglo Saxon village in Suffolk (r) (8518958)
8.20 Bartholomew: A Gift from God. The story of a young boy, born physically handicapped with a rare muscle disease (7049720)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w) (r) (2572861)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2385229) **2.00-2.10** Johnson and Friends (28361010)
2.15 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason. Quarter-final coverage of the Benson and Hedges Masters from the Wembley Conference Centre (s). Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (831958)
3.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (3948126)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (774)
4.30 Snooker. Further quarter-final action in the Benson and Hedges Masters (s) (66923)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r). (Ceefax) (277478) **6.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)**. Detective comedy series (634565)
7.15 The O-Zone. Pop music magazine (s) (830381)
7.30 CHOICE **Operavox: Carmen**. (Ceefax) (687)
8.00 Countrywomen: The Shepherd and the Showgirl. A profile of Katy Cropper, a working shepherd. (Ceefax) (s) (6316)
8.30 CHOICE **Geoff Hamilton's Cottage Gardens**. (Ceefax) (2923)
9.00 Bottom. Last in the comedy series starring Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayall. (Ceefax) (s) (8519)
9.30 CHOICE **The High Life: Dunk**. (Ceefax) (s) (62346)
10.00 The Day Today. Spoof current affairs series. With Christopher Morris and Steve Coogan (60565)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Jeremy Paxman (Ceefax) (815126)

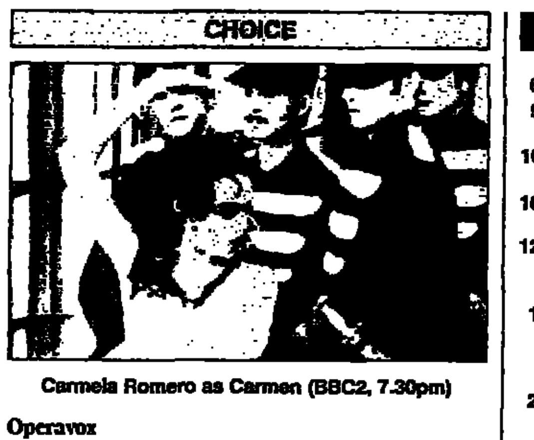


Caroline Hook stars as Mrs Merton (11.15pm)

11.15 CHOICE **The Mrs Merton Show**. (Ceefax) (s) (512316)
11.45 Duckman. Adult animation series (s) (805039)
12.10am Weather (1941966)
12.15 The Fugitive (b/w). Classic man-on-the-run drama series. Kimble is offered a new identity and a new life by a man with only months to live. Starring David Janssen and Gilbert Roland (Ceefax) (7901459). Ends at **1.10**

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CHOICE



Carmela Romero as Carmen (BBC2, 7.30pm)

Operavox
BBC2, 7.30pm

After potted, animated Shakespeare BBC2 moves to potted, animated opera, and with arguably more success. To compress a complicated plot into half an hour is impossible but otherwise the project has much to commend it. Mario Cavalli directed the first film, which offers a scaled-down *Carmen*. His technique is to blend real people with electronically created backgrounds, so that one seems naturally to belong to the other. Add a deft use of colour, in which Carmen's dusky skin is offset by a brilliant white dress and vivid red rose, and the result is akin to a mobile painting. Carmen is played by a flamenco dancer, Carmela Romero, and sung by the soprano Jean Rigby, and the other characters are similarly split between actor and singer. On the screen, however, all is seamless.

The Mrs Merton Show
BBC2, 11.15pm

Confusingly, perhaps, this new comedy series has nothing to do with Paul Merton, or his wife Caroline Quentin. Mrs Merton is a fictional character, played by another Caroline, Hook, formerly known as Caroline Aherne. Dowdily dressed in a cardigan and sensible sandals, Mrs M is an agony aunt who invites celebrities onto her show and insults them in a whining Lancashire accent. It is the Dame Edna Everage technique, and often as funny, though far less raucous. Tonight's guests are the comedian Steve Coogan, the magician Debbie McGee and the athlete Kriss Akabusi. There is also Chris Greener, Britain's tallest man, and a spot where Mrs Merton takes her microphone out among the audience.

Geoff Hamilton's Cottage Gardens
BBC2, 8.30pm

If you should find youself on a quiz panel and asked to identify Nora Barlow, Mrs Simkins and the Lady in the Bath you will be glad that you watched this space. They are, of course, flowers, the theme of part five of this engaging series. As usual Hamilton mixes history and practical instruction with visits to choice cottage gardens of today. For his trip into the past he goes to Gravetye in West Sussex, to remember the great 19th-century gardener William Robinson. His tips cover planting and propagation, and suggestions for flowers to give the longest run of colour. As if to refute any idea that the series is wallowing in nostalgia, he says we can make better cottage gardens than the Victorians. Why? Because we have better plants.

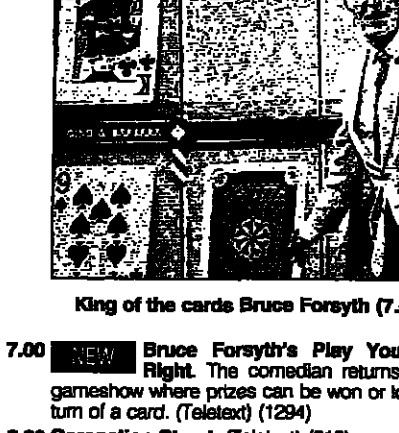
The High Life
BBC2, 9.30pm

The airline sitcom reaches its final episode and Friday nights will be the emptier. What the show has lacked in subtlety it has more than made up for in exuberance and for that the credit goes to its writers and stars, Alan Cumming and Forbes Masson. Even when their scripts flag, the pair's manic energy usually covers the cracks. But *The High Life* is not just a vehicle for a double act. The revelation, after her anguished detective in *Between the Lines*, has been the comic flair of Siobhan Redmond. Shona Spurtle, the "Hitler in tights" purser, would have been nothing but for Redmond's fierce stares, barking delivery and precision timing.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV (1790213)
9.25 Chain Letters (4050294) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2299478)
10.00 The Time ... the Place Topical discussion hosted by John Stapleton (s) (4489045)
10.35 This Morning (90450855) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1147942)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (4073749) **12.55 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (4081768)
1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (61630294) **1.55 The Chrystal Rose Show**. As St Valentine's Day approaches, thoughts turn to romance (s) (82095143)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (61041213) **2.50 Take the High Road** (9931774)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7690958) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7699229)
3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (9606294) **3.45 Warner Brothers Cartoon** (r) (9601749) **4.00 Zzzap!** (s) (4258749) **4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures** (1088328)
4.40 NEW **Tales from the Cryptkeeper**. A series that imparts wisdom through spine-tingling tales (s) (2580818)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (9668120)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (724855)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (360132)
6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (981010)

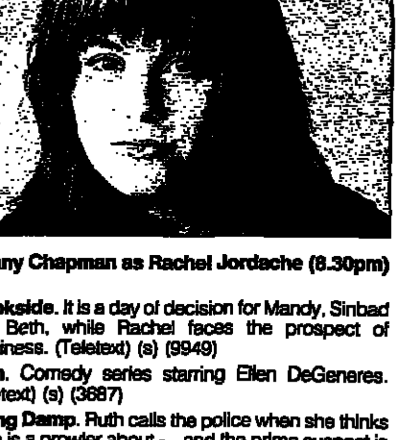


King of the cards Bruce Forsyth (7.00pm)

7.00 NEW **Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right**. The comedian returns with the gameshow where prizes can be won or lost by the turn of a card. (Teletext) (1294)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (213)
8.00 The Bill: Street Life. A victim refuses to co-operate with the police after being mugged by a prostitute. (Teletext) (3382)
8.30 The Upper Hand. Twee romantic comedy starring Joe McGann and Diane Weston. (Teletext) (s) (6749)
9.00 Doctor Finlay: Private Lives. Nostalgic drama starring David Rintoul, Ian Bannen and Annette Crosbie. (Teletext) (s) (1381)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (60519)
10.30 FILM: Murder 101 (1991) starring Pierce Brosnan and Dey Young. When a college professor delivers a lecture on how to commit the perfect murder, he finds himself framed as the prime suspect in a very similar crime (91520107) **12.20am London Tonight** (Teletext) (2352459)
12.30 One to One. Gary Davies provides a revealing insight into the life of Curtis Stigers (1614071)
1.05 The James Whale Show (s) (5647904)
2.05 The Chart Show (s) (6806546)
3.00 Noisy Mothers (s) (4465879)
3.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8894188)
4.30 The New Music. Henry Rollins talking about his album *Weight* (23169)
5.30 ITN Morning News (36445). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Sandokan (r) (8101652)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (49107)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (74768)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (5467478) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5551861) **10.00** Fourways Farm (7240294) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (9584377) **10.25** Eurokids (3083382) **10.40** Off Limits (3910768) **11.05** Schools at Work (9663497) **11.11** Time for Mats (2045671) **11.22** Stage One (2032107) **11.40** How We Used to Live (3329584)
12.00 Profiles of Nature. The work of wildlife cinematographers Walter and Myrna Berlet of Jackson, Michigan (r) (50132)
12.30 Sesame Street with guests Kevin Kline and Phoebe Cates (47855) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Wombles, Paddington** and **Noggin the Nod** (r) (18278756)
1.55 Joe McDoakes: So You Gave Up Smoking (b/w) (82289584)
2.15 FILM: The Horses Mouth (1958, b/w) starring Alec Guinness. A black comedy, adapted by Guinness from Joyce Carey's novel about an eccentric artist whose efforts to create a masterpiece cause chaos. Directed by Ronald Neame (767294)
4.00 Travelog (r). (Teletext) (s) (942)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (126)
5.00 Cutting Edge: For Richer, For Poorer (r). (Teletext) (s) (8107)
6.00 Blossom (r). (Teletext) (s) (519)
6.30 Moviewatch. Cinemagoers from Plymouth review the latest releases (s) (671)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (920774)
7.50 You Don't Know Me But ... (988132)
8.00 The 3,000 Mile Garden. The fourth of a six-part series about Leslie Land and Roger Phillips, gardening enthusiasts separated by the Atlantic. (Teletext) (s) (8584)



Tiffany Chapman as Rachel Jordache (8.30pm)

8.30 Brookside. It is a day of decision for Mandy, Sinbad and Beth, while Rachel faces the prospect of loneliness. (Teletext) (s) (9949)
9.00 Ellen. Comedy series starring Ellen DeGeneres. (Teletext) (s) (3687)
9.30 Rising Damp. Ruth calls the police when she thinks there is a prowler about — and the prime suspect is Rigsby (r). (Teletext) (90294)
10.00 Roseanne (Teletext) (s) (51861)
10.30 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole (r). (Teletext) (s) (181671)
11.05 The Word (s) (431923) **12.10am Beavis and Butthead** (s) (1933879)
12.40 FILM: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (1979) starring Constance Good. A drama based on the novel by Maya Angelou about a young girl growing up in a small black rural Arkansas community during the 1930s. Directed by Fielder Cook (37603898)
2.20 FILM: The Lone Wolf Meets A Lady (1940, b/w) starring Warren Williams. Thriller about a detective helping a woman who is wrongly charged with robbery and murder. Directed by Sidney Sulkow (7385817). Ends at **3.40**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (2299478) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1147942) **1.55** The Young Doctors (82272294) **2.20** Gardens without Borders (61033294) **2.50-3.20** Wish You Were Here ..? (9931774) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (7699229) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9668120) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (981010) **10.30** Anglia News (563381) **10.40** To Live and Die in LA (65997213) **12.40am** Rock Sport (6096053) **1.00** The New Music (39411) **2.00** The James Whale Show (6807275) **2.55** Noisy Mothers (8675492) **4.00** Cue the Music (28614) **5.00-5.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (50879)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2299478) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1147942) **1.55** A Country Practice (82272294) **2.20** Wish You Were Here . ? (61033294) **2.50** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (7057836) **3.15-3.20** The Cookery Club (7693045) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7699229) **5.10-5.40** Eye TV (9668120) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (981010) **10.30** Central News and Weather (563381) **10.40** Central Weekend (6375294) **12.10am-1.05** Renegade (7999814) **4.25** Jobfinder (7347411) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8937189)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (4081768) **1.25** Home and Away (30643652) **1.50** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (7921294) **2.50-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (9931774) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (9668120) **6.25** Granada Tonight (360652) **6.50** Kick Off (223842) **10.40** Up Front (558294) **11.40** The Equalizer (223861) **12.35am** Grapevine (1958258) **1.05** The James Whale Show (5647904) **2.05** The Chart Show (6806546) **3.00** Noisy Mothers (4465879) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8894188) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (23169)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 Take the High Road (82095143) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (26459421) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9668120) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (229) **10.40** Late and Live (9098768) **12.05am-1.05** Father Dowling Investigates (7980966)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (229) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (563381) **10.40** Warning Sign (91533871) **12.35am-1.05** The Hidden Room (1958258)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82272294) **2.20-2.50** Houseparty (61033294) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (7699229) **5.10** Home and Away (9668120) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Your Story (323818) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (97107) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (563381) **10.40** Ski-Time (370652) **11.10** Night Moves (925213) **1.00am** The New Music (39411) **2.00** The James Whale Show (6807275) **2.55** Noisy Mothers (8675492) **4.00** Cue the Music (28614) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (50879)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2299478) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1229590) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1228861) **1.55** Dr Quinn, Medicine Women (7920565) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (7056107) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News, Weather (7699229) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9668120) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (97107) **10.30** Westcountry News, Weather (563381) **10.40-1.05pm** Bear Island (46333316)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82272294) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (27365119) **3.10** Help Yourself (7694774) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (7693045) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News (7699229) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9668120) **5.55** Calendar (365403) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (229) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (563381) **10.40** Music and Movies (370652) **11.10** The Hidden Room (928294) **11.40** Bonnie and Clyde (254497) **1.40am** The James Whale Show (6808430) **2.40** The Big E (2427121) **3.35** The Story of Steam (8874324) **4.10** Shift (7368904) **5.00-5.30** Sportsworld (50879)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (49107) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (74768) **9.30** Ysgolion (739774) **12.00pm** Profiles Of Nature (50132) **12.30** Sioi Meithrin (83958) **1.00** Sesame Street (12823) **2.00** Claudia (851887) **3.40** Dennis (9693720) **3.55** The Pulse (8214942) **4.30** Saved By The Bell (126) **5.00** 5 Pump (2300) **5.30** Countdown (478) **6.00** Newyddion (724316) **6.15** Heno (628039) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9836) **7.30** Rhagor O Wynt (855) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad Dan Puw (8584) **8.30** Newyddion (9949) **9.00** Pawb A' I Farn (113328) **9.45** Out Of Order (368300) **10.00** Brookside (51861) **10.30** Jo Brand Through The Cakehole (181671) **11.05** The Word (246687) **12.05am** Beavis and Butthead (3508633) **12.40** I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings (548782) **2.20** The Lone Wolf Meets A Lady (8436275)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (70823) **8.00** Power Rangers (2206039) **8.45** Oprah Winfrey (9300565) **9.30** Card Sharks (36010) **10.00** Concentration (5108132) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7399855) **10.30** Candid Camera (90720) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (91584) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (14300) **12.30pm** E Street (47126) **1.00** St Elsewhere (35381) **2.00** I'll Take Manhattan (48958) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (1186316) **3.50** DJ Kat (4615671) **4.30** Power Rangers (9774) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9855) **6.00** Gamesworld (4039) **6.30** Blockbusters (1519) **7.00** E Street (5384) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5313) **8.00** Andrew Newton Hypnotic Experience (2132) **8.30** Coppers (5039) **9.00** Chicago Hope (65590) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (78749) **11.00** Late Show (887346) **11.50** Littlejohn (842045) **12.40am** Chances (7889492) **1.30** Night Court (34492) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (5513091)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (8034749) **9.30** Sky Worldwide Report (92478) **10.30** ABC Nightline (94590) (99126) **1.30pm** CBS News (71497) **2.30** Parliament Live (19836) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (6497) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (895749) **9.30** O.J. Simpson Trial (805836) **12.30am** ABC News (99817) **1.30** *Financial Times* Reports (38527) **2.30** Parliament Replay (21362) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (78409) **4.30** CBS News (49121) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (68275)

SKY MOVIES
6.05am Showcase (50262045) **10.00 Sacred Ground** (1983) (41942) **12.00 At Long Last Love** (1975) (45861) **2.00pm The Woman Who Loved Elvis** (1993) (125774) **3.50 California Man** (1992) (686359) **5.35 Ice Station Zebra** (1968) (87933652) **8.00 Splitting Heirs** (1992) (48705385) **9.40 US Top Ten** (604229) **10.00 Bram Stoker's Dracula** (1992) (53930410) **12.10am To the Death** (1992) (578898) **1.45 Dream a Little Dream** (1989) (804148) **3.35-5.00 Book of Love** (1990) (39358430)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Lover Come Back (1961) (44045) **8.00 The Appaloosa** (1966) (49590) **10.00-12.00 The Fortune** (1975) (15774)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Rogues of Sherwood Forest (1950) (3998958) **7.25 The List of Adrian Messenger** (1963) (28860923) **9.05 Terry on the Fence** (1985) (4655478) **10.20 A Waltz Through the Hills** (1989) (45910126) **12.25pm Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm** (1938) (684497) **2.00 The Lord of the Rings** (1978) (47908768) **4.15 Terry on the Fence** (1985). As 9.05am (28575126) **5.50 Swallows and Amazons** (1974) (16252381) **7.30 The Movie Show** (4823) **8.00 My Name is Kate** (1993) (76652) **10.00 Double Impact** (1991) (930590) **11.50 Trespass** (1992) (148039) **1.35am Whispers in the Dark** (1992) (344169) **3.20-5.00 Exposed** (1983) (57428661)

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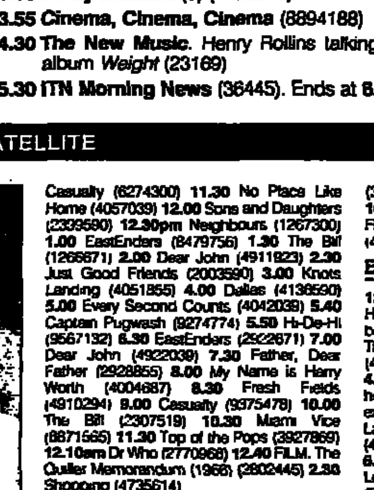
SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (2716215) **7.15** WWF Action Zone (536395) **8.15** Soccer News (2608720) **8.30** Transworld Sport (94519) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (67519) **10.00** International Motorsport (24836) **11.00** American Sports (37300) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (49671) **12.30pm** NBA Basketball (45403) **2.30** Andy Gray's Boorroom (57010) **3.30** Rugby Union (2213) **4.00** ATP Tennis Magazine (1720) **4.30** Transworld Sport (82720) **5.30** World Soccer Magazine (1584) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (73126) **7.00** Schoolboy Football (29381) **9.00** Ringside Boxing (28039) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (25565) **12.00** Schoolboy Football (41169) **2.00-4.00am** Ringside Boxing (31324)

SKY SPORTS 2
6.00am Max Out (7465478) **6.30** NBA Action (7552958) **7.00** Powerboat World (8882229) **8.00** Yachting (6795749) **9.00** Ice Skating (8798836) **11.00** Gillette World Sport Special (1209478) **11.30-12.00** Freestyle Skiing (2798836)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurofun (13720) **8.00** Live Alpine Skiing (58346) **10.00** Athletics (41836) **11.30** Live Alpine Skiing (58749) **1.00pm** Live Golf (826774) **3.30** Live Tennis (7252836) **7.30** News (6229) **8.00** International Motorsports (71520) **9.00** Alpine Skiing (23584) **10.00** Wrestling (26671) **11.00** Motors Magazine (16861) **12.00-12.30am** News (40166)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (6363497) **8.30** Peyton Place (6362768) **9.00** As the World Turns (5667836) **10.00** Guiding Light (6078300) **11.00-12.00** Another World (6065836)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Getaway — Australia (6366584) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1311768) **1.00** Ski Perfect (6069652) **1.30** The Real Food of China (1310039) **2.00** The Great Escape (8626213) **2.30** Round Trip — Surfers Paradise (7464749) **3.00** American Vacation (1212942) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide Review (7551229) **4.30** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (7477213) **5.00** The Great Escape (8617565) **5.30-6.00** The Real Food of China (7468565)



Shirley Temple as Rebecca (The Movie Channel, 12.25pm)

TLC
9.00am A Brush with Ashley (2211768) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (1261126) **10.00** Talking Heads (4142584) **10.30** Only Human (6272942) **11.30** Life is for Living (4048381) **12.00** The Famine Within (4687213) **12.45pm** Draw with Don (30048328) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (6189298) **1.30** A Brush with Ashley (1264213) **2.00** Parents Talking (4919565) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (2001132) **3.00** Mushroom Magic (4921300) **3.30-4.00** The Secret Life of Machines (2917749)

UK GOLD
7.00am Give Us a Clue (7029215) **7.30** Neighbours (8574300) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2398403) **8.30** EastEnders (2395774) **9.00** The Bill (2213126) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (4768671) **10.30** Casualty (6274300) **11.30** No Place Like Home (4057039) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2339590) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1267300) **1.00** EastEnders (8479756) **1.30** The Bill (1266671) **2.00** Dear John (4911923) **2.30** Just Good Friends (2003590) **3.00** Knots Landing (4051855) **4.00** Dallas (4136590) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4042039) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (9274774) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (9567132) **6.30** EastEnders (2922671) **7.00** Dear John (4922039) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (2928855) **8.00** My Name is Harry Worth (4004687) **8.30** Fresh Fields (4910294) **9.00** Casualty (9375478) **10.00** The Bill (2307519) **10.30** Miami Vice (8871565) **11.30** Top of the Pops (3927869) **12.10am** Dr Who (2770968) **12.40** FILM: The Quiller Memorandum (1966) (2802445) **2.30** Shopping (4735614)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (1510836) **6.55** Garfield (9087213) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8187300) **7.55** Pugwall's Summer (3705565) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (1277213) **8.45** Casper (9056045) **9.00** Sesame Street (83377) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (27239) **12.00** Garfield (83039) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (98403) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (44229) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (90433279) **1.45** Baby Follies (30639872) **2.00** Barney (2126) **2.30** Babar (9768) **3.00** Casper and Friends (5879316) **3.15** Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (889010) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (888381) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1256861) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (5132)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive! (4516297) **7.15** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (734395) **7.45** Rugrats (184836) **8.15** Doug (710120) **8.45** Nickalive! (9017045) **9.00** Nick Jr (778478) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (47213) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (83749) **1.00** Galaxy High School (18958) **1.30** Banana Sandwich (55720) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (8768) **2.30** Smoggies (8010) **3.00** Nick Faves (3403) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (6805) **4.00** Doug (5590) **4.30** Rugrats (1774) **5.00** Clarissa (2720) **5.30** Secret World of Alex Mac (9126) **6.00** Grimmy (8039) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (3519)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Earth Tremors (4134132) **5.00** Biography (7395642) **5.55** California Off Beat (7577855) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (8803126) **7.00** Charlie Bravo (4913381) **7.30** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (2926497) **8.00** Jurassica (4002229) **8.30** Terra X (4918836) **9.00** Islands of the Pacific (7280774) **9.50** Man Eaters of the Wild (3325126) **10.00** Future Quest (2398861) **10.30** Next Step (2201381) **11.00** First Flights (4135861) **11.30-12.00** The X-Planes (4148768)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Jumping for Joy (1955): Frankie Howerd comedy vehicle about an odd job boy at a greyhound track (4222774) **2.00pm** The Avengers (4147039) **3.00** Rat Patrol (4925126) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (2000403) **4.00** FILM: The Beggar's Opera (1952): A highwayman in Newgate prison turns his exaggerated exploits into an opera. Starring Laurence Olivier and Dorothy Tutin (4929942) **6.00** The Protectors (2006687) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (2266942) **7.30** Saber of London (2913923) **8.00** The Avengers (9373010) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (9468774) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Keep It Up Downstairs (4045294)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (5199229) **7.00** Living Magazine (1351671) **8.00** Family Matters (3859590) **8.30** Rendezvous (3858861) **9.00** Marco (5918768) **9.35** Now You See It (2013316) **10.00** Trivia Trap (8258294) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (3772497) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (1416836) **12.00** Rendezvous (3763749) **12.30pm** Kilroy (4081836) **1.30** All Well and Good (3664923) **2.00** Agony Hour (8259923) **3.00** Living Magazine (8507836) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (98597010) **4.00** Infatuation (6004294) **4.30** Trivia Trap (38623126) **4.55** A Cook's Tour of France (6627294) **5.30** Kate and Allie (6197958) **6.00** The Susan Powter Show (8014671) **6.30** Infatuation (6005923) **7.00** Living Magazine (7793132) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7606652) **9.00** FILM: Hex: Offbeat road movie with Keith Carradine (75749377) **10.50** Sneak Scenes — Trapped in Paradise (8543294) **11.00** The New Mr and Mrs Show (4283671) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (8254478)

FAMILY CHANNEL
6.00pm Danger Mouse (3478) **5.30** Blade Warriors (476478) **6.25** All Clued Up (882749) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6942) **7.30** My Two Dads (6861) **8.00** Anne of Green Gables (45720) **9.00** Moonlighting (65584) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (84768) **10.30** GP (66316) **11.00** Lou Grant (58478) **12.00** Rhoda **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (18017) **1.00** Danger Mouse (95053) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (38256) **2.00** Moonlighting (62985) **3.00** Lou Grant (19430) **4.00** Rhoda (35188) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (16546)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wildside (7774237) **6.30** The Grind (10774) **7.00** Wildside (73300) **8.00** VJ Ingo (771045) **11.00** Soul (62671) **12.00** Greatest Hits (13768) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (460132) **3.30** Report (5453768) **3.45** Cinematic (5441923) **4.00** News (1179768) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1265519) **4.30** Dial MTV (7590) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (62590) **7.00** Greatest Hits (41958) **8.00** Most Wanted (81294) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (14497) **10.00** Report (658720) **10.15** Cinematic (759403) **10.30** News (390497) **10.45** 3 from 1 (388652) **11.00** Party Zone (67395) **1.00** Soul (93614) **2.00** The Grind (13966) **2.30** Videos (7882546)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (6068923) **9.00** Café VH-1 (6563316) **12.00** The Bridge (8023313) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (1504768) **2.30** Heart and Soul (2546039) **3.30** Into the Music (7564841) **6.00** Prime Cuts (1494045) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8884687) **8.00** VH-1 Soul (8797107) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8700671) **10.00** Jonathan Ross Presents (6369671) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (8458519) **11.00** Around and Around (6151687) **12.00** The Nightfly (4178188) **2.00pm** Ten of the Best (9879324) **2.30** Dawn Patrol (7871898)

CMT EUROPE
Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including at **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (90942) **7.00** Asian Morning (95671) **8.30** Buniyaad (76749) **9.00** Pakistani FILM (318010) **12.00** Ghar (77756) **1.00pm** Hindi FILM Qurban (311687) **4.00** Dasht (23010) **5.00** Poornalai (6132) **5.30** Pudhu Paadal (3710) **6.00** TVA and You (6039) **6.30** Buniyaad (3519) **7.00** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (2584) **7.30** Junoon (2403) **8.00** News (4132) **8.30** Kissa Shanti Ka (7039) **9.00** Hindi FILM (59618) **10.00** Asian Morning (22145) **11.00** Sight and Sound (5207362)

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Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
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Chelsea to ban hooligan fans

FA determined to find 'root cause' of trouble

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

INVESTIGATIONS into football's latest crowd disorder, which marred the FA Cup fourth-round replay between Chelsea and Millwall at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday night, will continue into next week. The Football Association has not ruled out holding an inquiry, but will not make a decision until it has gathered all the evidence.

"We were in touch with our crowd control observer at the match within minutes of the trouble erupting," Mike Parry, an FA spokesman, said yesterday. "Talks continued through the night and we are collating all the reports. We are determined to find the root cause and do all in our power to prevent a repeat. It was a totally unacceptable situation.

"Investigations are proceeding speedily, but we also feel a moral obligation to look into the incidents that happened outside the ground. Until we have spoken with our observer, the police and officials from both clubs, it is too early to talk of an inquiry."

Trouble flared after Millwall, the Endsleigh Insurance League first division club, defeated Chelsea, from the FA Carling Premiership, 5-4 on penalties after the match had finished 1-1 after extra time. Chelsea supporters from the lower tier of the new North Stand spilt onto the pitch and fought with stewards and police. Twenty mounted officers were used to help to quell the violence.

Dave Mitchell, the Millwall forward and former Chelsea player, was pushed to the ground and spat on as he tried to leave the pitch, and there were sporadic skirmishes in the streets surrounding Stamford Bridge after the match. Thirty-three arrests were made — 19 Chelsea supporters and 14 from Millwall — and 11 police officers injured.

Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, said:

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"We have already started our own comprehensive inquiry. We will be studying in minute detail the closed circuit video tapes to identify the culprits. Chelsea hold a database of 30,000 members, including photographs, and we will institute exclusion orders on those traced.

"We would expect Millwall to act likewise and we hope the ringleaders will be prosecuted and convicted with tough sentences. We are saddened that a few spectators — and we stress, a few — have tarnished Chelsea and football. We don't want them at Stamford Bridge."

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A supporter is led away by police at Stamford Bridge

Martin Bodenham, the referee, confirmed he would report to the FA the incident in which a lone supporter from the Chelsea section ran on to the pitch, forcing play to be stopped, but said that the after-match trouble did not come under his jurisdiction.

Since the post-Hillsborough Taylor report, crowd disturbances at English grounds have declined. Revamped, all-seat stadiums without perimeter fencing have contributed to a widespread feeling that the hooligan problem, while not having disappeared, had at least been controlled. However, Birmingham City, Manchester City and Millwall have been fined, and received warnings that they might have to play games behind closed doors, after incidents in the past three years.

The last serious disorder at Stamford Bridge came in 1988, after Chelsea had lost a first division relegation play-off tie against Middlesbrough. The club was fined £75,000.

Chelsea are unlikely to be treated any more harshly by the FA when it completes its deliberations. However, the recent incidents involving Eric Cantona, the Manchester United forward who kicked a Crystal Palace supporter after being sent off at Selhurst Park, and the Blackburn Rovers supporter who ran onto the ptich to confront Rodger Gifford, the referee, after the 1-1 draw with Manchester United at Ewood Park, have perhaps set a worrying new trend.

Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, said: "I hope we are not going back to the hooligan-dominated days of a decade or so ago. Great strides have been made in recent years over crowd control." Mark Agate, secretary of the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs, said: "Fans should never go on the pitch, it is as simple as that. But these are not true football supporters. We are against bringing the fences back, in principle, but maybe individual clubs have to make their own decisions on this."

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McManus, the champion, on his way to defeat by Higgins in the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament at Wembley yesterday

Wild-card Higgins brings down champion

BY PHIL YATES

THE reign of Alan McManus as Benson and Hedges Masters snooker champion ended at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday when he was beaten 5-2 by John Higgins, a wild-card entry, in the quarter-finals.

Higgins, 19, has played with great maturity throughout the season and this latest performance was a further indication that he has developed into one of the circuit's toughest competitors.

Many of his contemporaries are talented snooker players but few, if any, possess the same ability to ignore setbacks. Higgins lets little affect him, as he demonstrated by producing a high-quality display, despite losing the first frame to a stroke of bad luck.

Higgins made a 62-break on his first visit to the table and, with just the colours remaining, McManus required two snookers to take the frame. However, McManus got them. He fluked the yellow, obtained reasonable position on the green and then cleared up to steal the frame, at 50 minutes the longest of the event, on the black ball.

If Higgins was demoralised, he certainly did not show it. He won the second frame with a fluently compiled break of 85 and it was obvious from that point on that he would not be overwhelmed either by his opponent's reputation or the importance of the occasion.

McManus, who beat Stephen Hendry 9-8 in last year's final, regained the lead at 2-1 with runs of 55 and 63 — his only contributions of note throughout the match — but it was to be his last success of an afternoon in which Higgins outplayed him in every department.

Higgins, who had already beaten Tony Drago and Darren Morgan earlier in the week, potted a difficult long blue to level at 2-2 before he dominated the following three frames with breaks of 59, 40, and 104. Higgins will now play either Jimmy White or James Wattana in a best-of-11-frame semi-final tomorrow.

McManus, who first realised that Higgins was going to be a force in the game five years ago while watching him practise in a Glasgow club, said: "The way John is playing is no surprise to me. He's on a roll and he played superbly. I've got no complaints whatsoever and I genuinely think he's confident enough at the moment to go on and win the tournament."

Higgins is now guaranteed at least £30,000 and is only two victories away from scooping the £120,000 first prize.

"It's already been a great tournament for me and I'm really looking forward to my next match," he said. "When you start beating top players on a regular basis, it gives your confidence a real boost. I couldn't feel better about my game and I'm relishing every moment of it."

One of the fiercest rivalries in the game is renewed this evening when Hendry, attempting to win the tournament for the sixth time in seven years, meets Peter Ebdon. While respecting Ebdon, Hendry appears to regard him as an upstart. The fact that Ebdon once advised the world champion to take his golf clubs to Dubai when they were due to meet in the first round there, has not improved their relationship.

Brilliance of Ballesteros belies stated ambition

FROM MEL WEBB
IN LAS PALMAS

OVER the years, words have been spilt in their millions as writers all over the globe have sought to define the genius of Severiano Ballesteros. The man himself has always let his actions speak for him, and they did so again yesterday in a gem-studded sequence of five holes in the first round of the Canary Islands Open at Maspalomas.

Ballesteros, who had a 68, four under par, to share the lead with Philip Walton, Paul Eales and Gary Orr, started his magical mystery tour on the 11th after a birdie on the 7th and a bogey on the 8th had taken him to the turn in a level-par 36.

He was all of 40 feet from the flag when he lined up his putt, and, using the "Fat Lady" mallet-headed putter that had been a gift from Nick Price in the Johnnie Walker Classic in Manila two weeks before, rolled the putt in as if it were a "gimme".

That was good, but even better was to come on the next. Like his playing partners, Gordon Brand Jr and Peter Baker, he was about 60 yards from the pin off the tee. Both Brand Jr and Baker threw the ball high in the air and were faced with medium-length putts for birdies.

Alone of the trio, Ballesteros had the imagination to see an option, and played an exquisite low running pitch that bumped into the bank of the two-tiered green, then checked on its second bounce and drew to a halt less than a foot from the hole. It was breathtaking stuff, the sort of shot that will long be remembered by those who saw it.

If that stroke had the touch of a maestro, the birdie that followed on the 13th was contrived with the showmanship of a fairground barker. Ballesteros under-clubbed his second shot and was left several yards from the front of the green and 45 feet from the pin.

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There was a silence as Billy Foster, Ballesteros's caddie, was sent to attend the flag. This was barefaced cheek, surely. Could he really be going for it on one of Maspalomas's tricky greens? He could, and was unable to prevent a smile from creasing his face as the ball ran up to the hole, hit the back lip and bounced up and in. The Fat Lady had sung another show-stopper.

That made him three under par with five to play, and on the 15th he made his fifth birdie of the round after he had played another remarkable pitch, again from 60 yards or so, to a yard. The leaderboard operators, who on the previous green had labelled him simply as "Seve B", placed his name alongside Eales, Walton and Orr at the top of the list.

That gained, he was not going to concede his advantage, and playing directly into the face of a freshening breeze that made things tricky on an otherwise flawlessly sunny day, he had three pars to finish a round that had contained the sort of golf that makes him unique.

His job done, Ballesteros spoke of his round with quiet satisfaction. "My ball-striking was very good today, and I played very well," he said, and continued, tongue being thrust more firmly into cheek. "The wind was very difficult, and my round was probably worth two shots better than my score. But I don't want to say too much — I want to continue to be humble, as I have always been."

Ballesteros said on Wednesday he was playing here simply to get the feel of competing again. Those who know him doubted if that was the limit of his ambitions this week. Yesterday they were proved right.

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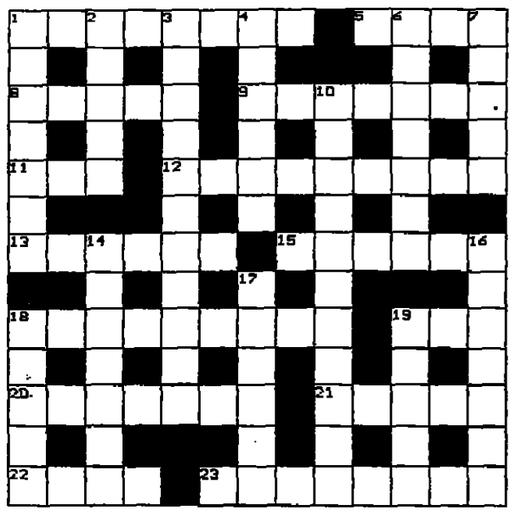
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No 392

ACROSS
1 (Esp. Whitehall) war memorial (8)
5 Young cow (4)
8 Pinch together; curl (hair) tightly (5)
9 Tiny suspicion (7)
11 Cooked dish in pastry (3)
12 Illicit liquor; nightlight (9)
13 Bird, big coloured bill (6)
15 Looked for (6)
18 Foolish, wrong (behaviour) (9)
19 Complete the letter *i* (3)
20 Funeral procession (7)
21 From the largest continent (5)
22 Notice, attention (4)
23 Car-repairer (8)

DOWN
1 Pilot's place in plane (7)
2 Unsophisticated (5)
3 Flexible length-checking device (4-7)
4 Place of confinement (6)
6 Permanent (7)
7 Musical form: state of forgetfulness (5)
10 Endorsement bringing fatal results (4,2,5)
14 Sudden swift rise (7)
16 Enormous (7)
17 Stick (to) (6)
18 OT prophet, book (5)
19 Condescend (5)

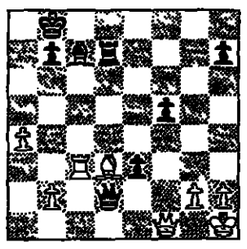
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ACROSS: 4 Bat 8 Torture 9 Round 10 Churn 11 Linctus 12 Sergeant 14 Omen 15 Wish 16 Distance 20 Oil well 21 Niche 23 Set in 24 Fertile 25 Sit

DOWN: 1 Stocks 2 Urdu 3 Nuance 4 Berlin airlift 5 Tronc 6 Huntsman 7 Edison 13 Resolute 15 Whoosh 17 Tundra 18 Eyelet 19 Means 22 Chin

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Howell - Luther, Hastings 1995. Black has a powerful passed pawn on e3. How did he make the most of it?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PALSA
a. Mille-feuille pasta
b. A wooden practice sabre
c. A frozen peat ridge

PUNGLE
a. A beagle/alsatian cross
b. A spiked trap
c. To contribute

RICORDO
a. A painter's copy
b. An echo
c. A heart-warming stimulant

OSOTOGARI
a. Rotten fishy condiment
b. A throw at Judo
c. Italian octopus-divers

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